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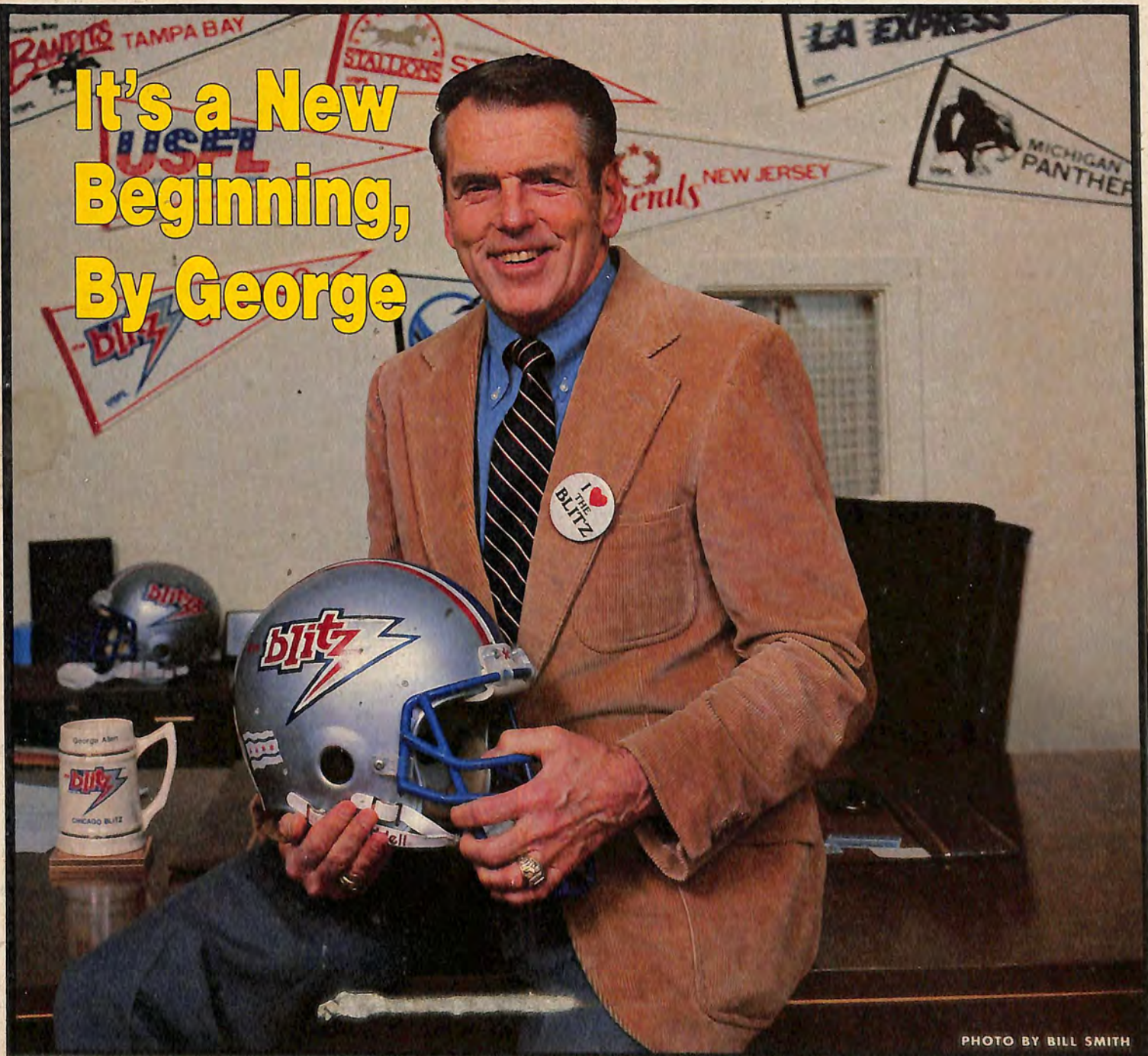


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# Building a New League

## George Allen Wasn't a Bad Place to Start

By BOB VERDI

PHOENIX—"See these holes in the ground?" said George Allen. "If one of my players steps in one of those, he could get hurt."

In past years, when he was grand poobah in charge of everything for the Washington Redskins, championing his motto that "no detail is too small," those holes wouldn't have had a prayer.

George Allen would have had them filled, or he would have filled them himself, or he would have condemned the entire area and bought a new one with his owner's money, but probably not his owner's consent.

Months later, the owner would learn of his latest investment when an envelope with a little window in front would arrive in his mailbox: "Sod, soil and labor. Kindly remit \$50,000."

But things have changed, slightly. As George Allen surveys the holier-than-thou athletic field at Glendale Community College, he can't do much about the pockmarks left by the school's male and female hammer-throwers. You see, his team, the Chicago Blitz, isn't the only team in town.

"We share the complex with their track team," said Allen. "I wouldn't have done that with the Redskins, but that's history. This is a new chapter, like starting from scratch. And that's what's so exciting. This is history, too."

And so it was, that only XXIV hours after Super Bowl XVII ended, the precocious United States Football League commenced training camps—four teams in

Arizona, seven in Florida and one in California—for its first regular season, starting in March, ending in mid-July.

It's a daring venture, to be sure, predicated on the untried premise that the nation needs a year-round fix of professionally packaged football. Or, at least, a year-round fix of gambling on same. A marketing study said "go." Thus was born our newest baby league, pledged to the survival that has eluded so many other ventures in so many other sports.

Listen to several of the other 11 owners, and they contend that Allen and the Blitz have become the USFL's first "dynasty" because he has violated one of the league's unwritten bylaws—thou shall not spend wildly to defeat the NFL. Some USFL officials already have awarded Duper Bowl I to Chicago.

That's not true, by George. He theorizes that the Blitz has become the focal point of this new adventure because the team signed a couple of name players. And, he encourages that his lodge brothers do likewise, lest the USFL be construed as something less than a major undertaking.

"I didn't get into this to be minor

league," said Allen. "For overall talent, how do you know who's got the best so early in camp. We've only been here two days. But, I don't think we're exceeding anybody else's budget. And, I don't think we're that far ahead."

"However, I do think we've got the NFL concerned. They've already thrown up all sorts of roadblocks, phoning and visiting potential draft choices and telling them not to go with us. But, I think there's enough talent to go around."

Unlike the recently bygone World Football League—may it rest in pieces—Allen and his ilk believe that the USFL boasts superior planning and greater financial backing. The latter stems partly from a national TV contract with ABC, which will pay \$20 million over the next two years.

Divide that sum by a dozen teams, and you may not have enough farthings to pay the electric bill. But, argue USFL types, such early coast-to-coast exposure constitutes a magical "instant credibility" that other alternative leagues never dreamed of.

It might be well to remember that

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## GEORGE ALLEN

ladies arm-wrestling, watermelon seed spitting, and refrigerator derby also have been beamed into your living rooms by well-intentioned networks. However, somehow, these athletic endeavors failed to capture Americana.

Be that as it may, the USFL proceeds as promised, plucking a draft choice here, a free agent there, and an established body once in a while. At his recent Super Bowl state of the NFL message, Commissioner Pete Rozelle expressed some concern about the USFL and its potential to dent the talent pool.

However, Rozelle also pointed out—almost in throwaway fashion—that four football leagues have hung out shingles in his time. He wouldn't come right out and predict death for the USFL by fiscal exhaustion, but neither did Rozelle quiver at the prospect of competition for his heretofore holy alliance of 28 well-healed franchises.

Originally, the USFL broadcast intentions to build from the top. That is, begin with absolutely first-rate, well-known coaches. Clearly, of the bunch, Allen is the most recognizable. He's been a winner in the NFL, and somewhat eccentric, at that.

Other coaches who don't have to read their American Express cards to discover their identities might include Red Miller of the Denver Gold; John Ralston of the Oakland Invaders; Chuck Fairbanks of the New Jersey Generals and Ray Jauch of the Washington Federals. Wait a minute. Remember Steve Spurrier? He's running the Tampa Bay Bandits.

"I think evaluating talent will be extremely important in the USFL," said Allen, who prides his genius in that category. "For instance, we started with something like 340 players. One of the first cuts I made was 134 players.

"You have to know what you're doing. The hard part in training camp is not finding out who likes contact. They're all physically inclined, or else they wouldn't be here. I don't want to find out who can hit. I want to find out who can think."

Allen is part-owner of the Blitz and says that's the only way he would have re-entered the professional football wars at age 60. His son, Bruce, acts as general manager and makes the old man cringe when he predicts that the Blitz will be of NFL quality by midseason.

George Allen says he will continue to practice the same work ethic he preaches. But, he also will attempt to enjoy what he is doing. The specter of George Allen relaxing even for 10 minutes is unusual, but remember, he's only part-owner.

The principal financial angel of the Blitz is Dr. Ted Diethrich, who runs the Arizona Heart Institute. He's been so busy that he performed six operations daily during January, believed to be a USFL record. He was so busy on Super Bowl Sunday that his TV intake was cut short at halftime; he had to cut again. When the good doctor examines the Blitz' balance sheet, he may have to perform surgery on



**Red Miller returns to coaching with the Gold.**

himself.

Still, it is that type of financial spine which Allen believes will render the USFL a rousing success. The WFL was not perceived as a major league, because it didn't play in enough big league stadiums or enough big league cities. Moreover, it did not boast big league bankrolls.

Allen contends that the USFL has everything going for it, including the novelty of playing a cold-weather sport during warm-weather months. He has much company in that theory. With one game per week, hope USFL founding fathers, football still will be treated as an event. Baseball is daily, football is Sunday.

"I don't think we'll average 30,000 fans in Chicago," said Allen. "I know we will. I think we'll also have to win. I think for our league, in the cities where we play, winning will be vital. We won't sell if we don't win. And, I've already told a couple of our people that they may not make it. One or two might not survive. But, I believe the league will."

Though the USFL must achieve identity through the star syndrome, Commissioner Chet Simmons, like Allen, theorizes that able bodies are plentiful. They needn't wear the NFL label just to be accepted.

"General managers, coaches, and personnel people tell me that will be the least of our problems," said Simmons. "Stars are developed, not necessarily born. It's

partly how they are marketed. The perception of what's a good game and a bad game pretty much lies in the eye of the beholder, the fans.

"The image and the atmosphere account for a lot of that. Our first job is to get the people into the stands. Then, they can make up their own minds. The first kid that runs for 160 yards, all of a sudden he begins to establish credentials and star status of his own."

Of the 12 USFL franchises, only three—Oakland, Birmingham and Phoenix—will play in cities which don't have NFL teams. And, if Rozelle has his way, that Oakland situation will be altered with the return of the Raiders from Los Angeles next season.

The teams will play 18 games during the regular schedules (no exhibitions). At season's end, four clubs will qualify for the playoffs: the champions of the Atlantic, Central and Pacific divisions, plus a wild card. Already, the USFL is talking big league because, already, it is talking expansion.

The first weekend will feature a national telecast of Allen's Blitz in Washington's RFK Stadium against the Federals. What could be more fitting?

"I'm happy for the Redskins, but, no, I don't wish I was still there," said Allen. "That's history. And that's what's exciting about this league. This is history, too."



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# Caution: Builders at Work

By PAUL DOMOWITCH

PHILADELPHIA—Ray Jauch, Chuck Fairbanks, Dick Coury and Jim Mora all have worked with their hands before.

The Edmonton Eskimos were the Canadian Football League's doormat when Jauch took over in 1970. They made the playoffs six of the next seven years.

Fairbanks left a good job in the National Football League four years ago to try and resuscitate the University of Colorado. He got there too late.

Coury left the security of his position as an assistant with the Denver Broncos in 1974 to take over the helm of the Portland Storm of the World Football League. The Storm died and so did the league.

And last year, Mora accepted a job as the New England Patriots' defensive coordinator, which was akin to being named the academic counselor of Animal House. The Pats finished 25th in the NFL in total defense in 1981. Under Mora, they improved to 13th and made the playoffs.

"You've got to love building from scratch to coach in this league," said Mora, coach of the United States Football League's Philadelphia Stars, who does. So do Coury, Fairbanks and Jauch, who have teams under construction in the other three Atlantic Division cities, Boston, New Jersey and Washington.

The USFL's first season gets underway March 6 at a stadium near you, and you'd have an easier time guessing Dick Clark's age than who's going to be in the league championship game in July.

"Right now," said Stars President Carl Peterson, "I don't see anybody at a great advantage or disadvantage in our league. Everybody's in the same boat."

Here's a very early, and probably very premature, look at the USFL's Atlantic Division:

**PHILADELPHIA STARS**—The Stars were the picture of preparation until head coach George Perles took a powder in early December, preferring autumns in East Lansing, Mich., to the spring thaw in Philadelphia.

Peterson spent the next month perusing his list of up-and-coming NFL assistants and finally settled on Mora, the 47-year-old defensive whiz of the New England Patriots.

"I probably won't know a whole lot about this team before camp opens," admitted Mora, who had all of two weeks to put together a staff and playbook before heading for Florida. "We're going to have to learn about them real quick once camp starts."

"Carl and Joe (Pendry) spent a lot of time with these people so I'll have to go a lot on what they say and by what we see when camp starts."



**Ray Jauch and Chuck Fairbanks . . . Division rivals.**

Pendry, the only member of Perles' staff who didn't follow his boss to Michigan State, will serve as Mora's offensive coordinator. He has some pretty decent talent to draw Xs and Os with.

Since Penn State is one of the Stars' territorial schools, their roster is seasoned heavily with Nittany Lions, the most notable being quarterback Chuck Fusina, running back Lydell Mitchell and wide receiver Scott Fitzkee.

Fusina, who spent three years as backup to Doug Williams at Tampa Bay, is expected to be the Stars' No. 1 signalcaller, although he will face stiff competition from former Eagle Jim Krohn and Temple alum Brian Broomell.

Mitchell is 33 and hasn't carried a football in two years, but Peterson thinks he can help the Stars. "He's a good risk, if you want to call him that," he said. "He knows the game. He's smart. And he can bring a lot of intangibles to this club, things like leadership and maturity. When I was with the Eagles, I always thought it was important to have an older guy like a Claude Humphrey around. I'm hoping Lydell will be like that here."

The cream of the rest of the Stars' free agent running back crop includes 235-pound Booker Russell, a four-year NFL vet let go by the Eagles last summer, former Pittsburgh Steeler Anthony Anderson and Cheyney State standout Willie Tolbert. The Stars also signed their fifth-round draft pick, Allen Harvin, a 5-10, 204-pounder out of the University of Cincinnati, who rushed for 1,161 yards last season, and were hopeful of inking 11th-round sleeper Gary Worthy, who wrapped 72 touchdowns around a four-year education at Wilmington College in Ohio.

"The only other guy I knew who scored 72 touchdowns is wearing No. 31 for the

Eagles," said Peterson, referring to Wilbert Montgomery. "I don't care if he scored them against the Little Sisters of the Poor, 72 touchdowns is 72 touchdowns."

Peterson spent the Stars' first two draft picks on offensive linemen, tabbing UCLA tackle Irv Eatman in the first round and Brigham Young center Bart Oates in the second. The day before the draft, the Stars signed Oates' older brother Brad, an offensive tackle with seven years of NFL service. Peterson also was able to put a quick lasso around his fourth-round pick, defensive back Antonio Gibson out of Cincinnati. Oates and Eatman later signed giving the Stars a solid line.

Fourteen of the Stars' 26 territorial picks were spent on members of Penn State's national championship team, including running back Curt Warner and defensive lineman Walker Lee Ashley. The Stars also signed North Carolina running back Kelvin Bryant.

**NEW JERSEY GENERALS**—The Generals spent just two of their first 16 picks in the regular phase of the draft on skill position players, and director of player personnel Steve Barrett says it was no oversight.

"Chuck's (Head Coach Chuck Fairbanks) philosophy is to take several areas of a football club and build these areas, and the others will fall into place," explained Barrett. "We hit heavily in the offensive line, defensive line and defensive secondary. Chuck did the same thing at New England."

"You get those people in there and get them ensconced. Those are the people that stay around a long time."

The Generals spent their No. 1 pick, the fifth overall, on Arkansas running back

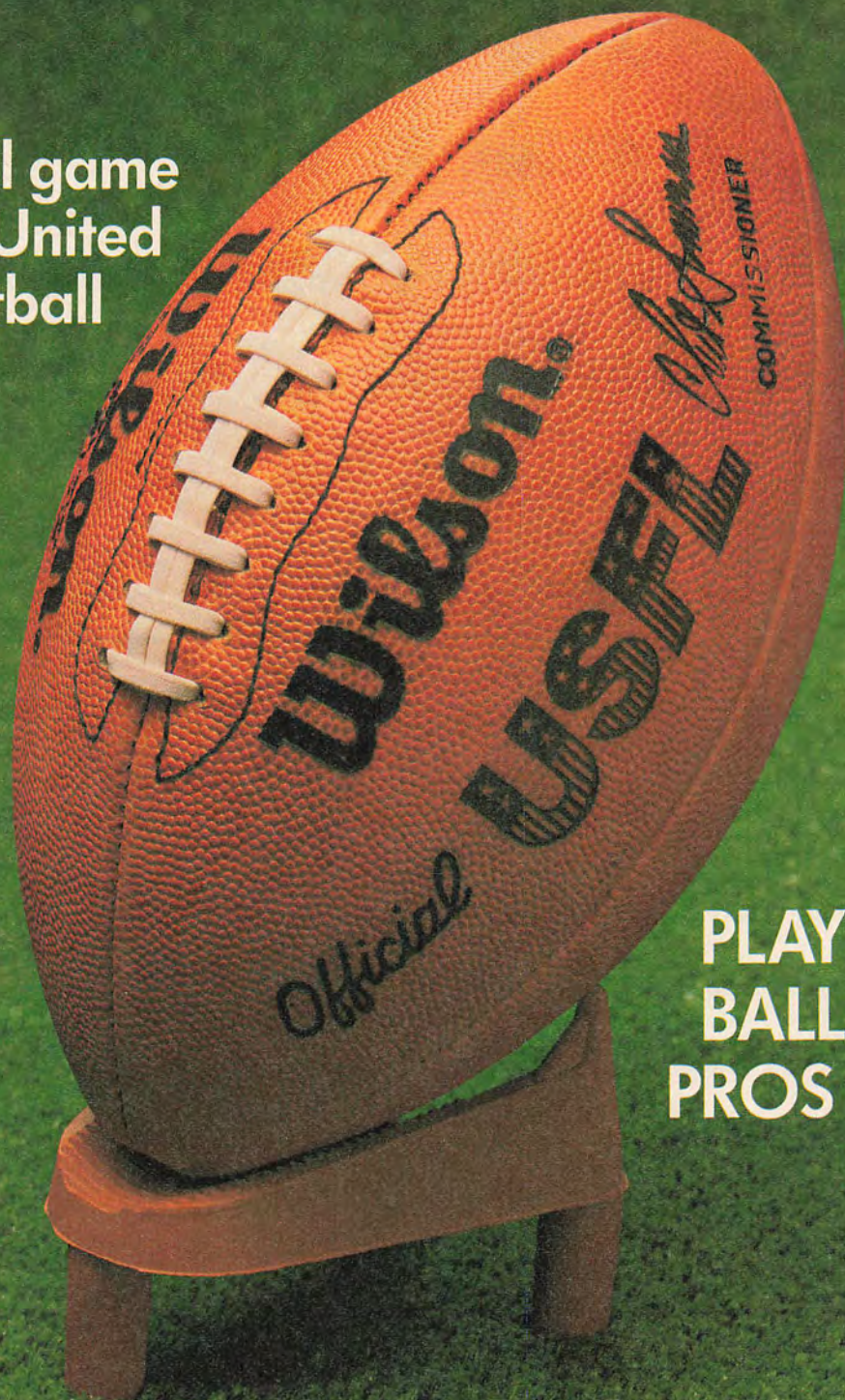
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Gary Anderson, whom they hadn't signed by the start of training camp. They wouldn't tab another skill position player again until the eighth round when they selected Maurice Carthon, a running back out of Arkansas State who did sign.

"We didn't need to draft many people in the offensive backfield, what with the people we've already signed and the people from Oklahoma that we claimed in the territorial portion," said Barrett.

The Generals have had former Oklahoma Stater Terry Miller under lock and key for several months now, and they added former St. Louis Cardinals running back Thomas Lott. Just for good measure, Fairbanks and Barrett spent four of their 26 territorial picks on Oklahoma wish-bone runners, including Marcus Dupree's sideskick, Stanley Wilson.

The Generals claimed Tennessee's wide receiver Willie Gault in the territorial portion of the draft. But even if they aren't able to sell him on the merits of spring football, they seem well set in the pass catching department with the likes of Victor Hicks and NFL hangarounds Larry Brodsky, Mark Slawson and Mike Friede (Giants) and Tom McConaughy (Jets).

The only quarterback of note is Arkansas State alum Gene Bradley, whom Fairbanks is high on. Bradley spent two years on the Buffalo Bills' injured reserve list before being released last September. Also with a shot is Holy Cross quarterback Dave Boisture, the son of Tom Boisture, the New York Giants' director of player personnel.

Defensively, the Generals are building their first-year foundation on end Richard Murray, a 265-pound import from the Canadian wars, linebackers Reggie Mathis and Rod Shoate, and defensive back Keith Moody, who did time with the Oakland Raiders.

**BOSTON BREAKERS**—The Breakers are oozing with experience at quarterback where Mike Livingston and John Walton will battle for the starting job. They've got more than 15 years of NFL experience between them.

"We're very fortunate there," said Dick Coury, who will double as Breakers coach and general manager. "Plus, we've got Gabe (Roman Gabriel, Breakers offensive coordinator) coaching them.

"The big thing with those two is that they've been there before, they've seen it all. They've been behind, they've been ahead, they've won championships, they've lost them. . . nothing will be a shock to them. For a new franchise, that kind of experience is important."

The Breakers have signed several running backs with NFL experience, including I.M. Hipp (Eagles), John Davis (Buccaneers), Richard Crump (Buffalo) and Billy Taylor (Giants).

Most of the Breakers' offensive line at least took an overnight bag to the NFL, too. That cast of gorillas is headed by guards John Schmeding (Bills) and Bob Newton (Seahawks).

BOSTON BREAKERS		
Mar. 6	at Tampa Bay	1:30
Mar. 13	at Denver	1:00
Mar. 20	WASHINGTON	1:30
Mar. 27	at New Jersey	1:30
April 3	BIRMINGHAM	1:30
April 10	OAKLAND	1:30
April 17	at Arizona	6:00
April 24	at Philadelphia	1:30
May 1	MICHIGAN	1:30
May 7	at Los Angeles (Sat.)	4:00
May 15	DENVER	1:30
May 22	at Washington	1:30
May 29	PHILADELPHIA	1:30
June 6	CHICAGO (Mon.)	9:00
June 12	at Birmingham	12:30
June 19	TAMPA BAY	1:30
June 25	at Oakland (Sat.)	2:00
July 3	NEW JERSEY	1:30

NEW JERSEY GENERALS		
Mar. 6	at Los Angeles	1:00
Mar. 13	at Philadelphia	1:30
Mar. 20	TAMPA BAY	1:30
Mar. 27	BOSTON	1:30
April 3	at Arizona	6:00
April 10	MICHIGAN	1:30
April 17	WASHINGTON	1:30
April 25	at Chicago (Mon.)	8:00
May 1	at Denver	1:00
May 9	BIRMINGHAM (Mon.)	9:00
May 16	at Michigan (Mon.)	8:00
May 22	CHICAGO	1:30
May 29	at Washington	1:30
June 4	at Oakland (Sat.)	5:00
June 12	PHILADELPHIA	1:30
June 17	LOS ANGELES (Fri.)	9:00
June 25	ARIZONA (Sat.)	9:00
July 3	at Boston	1:30

PHILADELPHIA STARS		
Mar. 6	at Denver	1:00
Mar. 13	NEW JERSEY	1:30
Mar. 21	at Birmingham (Mon.)	8:00
Mar. 27	TAMPA BAY	1:30
April 3	WASHINGTON	1:30
April 10	at Los Angeles	1:00
April 16	at Oakland (Sat.)	2:00
April 24	BOSTON	1:30
April 30	at Tampa Bay (Sat.)	8:00
May 8	Denver	1:30
May 15	CHICAGO	1:30
May 22	at Arizona	6:00
May 29	at Boston	1:30
June 5	MICHIGAN	1:30
June 12	at New Jersey	1:30
June 20	OAKLAND (Mon.)	9:00
June 26	BIRMINGHAM	1:30
July 3	at Washington	1:30

WASHINGTON FEDERALS		
Mar. 6	CHICAGO	1:30
Mar. 14	at Los Angeles (Mon.)	6:00
Mar. 20	at Boston	1:30
Mar. 27	MICHIGAN	1:30
April 3	at Philadelphia	1:30
April 11	ARIZONA (Mon.)	9:00
April 17	at New Jersey	1:30
April 24	TAMPA BAY	1:30
May 1	BIRMINGHAM	1:30
May 8	at Chicago	12:30
May 16	at Oakland (Mon.)	8:00
May 22	BOSTON	1:30
May 29	NEW JERSEY	1:30
June 5	at Denver	1:00
June 11	at Arizona (Sat.)	7:30
June 20	at Michigan (Mon.)	9:00
June 26	LOS ANGELES	1:30
July 3	PHILADELPHIA	1:30

The man the Breakers would love to corral is Nebraska center Dave Rimington, one of their territorial picks. He has agreed to talk with Boston, but chances of them signing him seem slim.

Speaking of territorial picks, Coury isn't doing cartwheels over the Breakers' five territorial schools—Nebraska, Boston College, Boston University, Massachusetts and Harvard.

"I think we're at a big disadvantage there compared to other teams in the league," said Coury. "For all intents and purposes, only two of those schools (Nebraska and Boston College) give scholarships, which means we have to do almost all of our territorial drafting from those two schools. I'd rather have five schools that I could take maybe five players each from rather than have to do it this way."

The Breakers ended up drafting 12 from Nebraska, including Rimington and running back Roger Craig, nine from BC, three from UMass, and one apiece from Boston U. and Harvard.

The Breakers traded away their first-round pick to Chicago for three middle-round choices (a 9th, 10th and 12th), preferring to go heavy on signable lesser-knowns like Lorenzo Bouier, a running back out of Maine, and Texas wide receiver Herkie Walls, cousin of Dallas Cowboys pass thief extraordinaire, Everson.

The Breakers appear to be solid defensively, with former New England Patriots defensive lineman Ernie Price and one-time Eagle Ray Phillips topping the list of NFL alums. Coury also is very high on defensive tackle Robert Geathers, a 6-8, 290-pound hulk out of South Carolina State. Geathers, who turned down an offer to

play with the Los Angeles Rams last fall to sign with the Breakers, reportedly runs a 5.0 40.

**WASHINGTON FEDERALS**—The Feds made the biggest Atlantic Division splash when they signed their No. 1 draft pick, Southern Methodist running back Craig James, the Southwest Conference's third all-time leading rusher.

Washington also was making a heavy sales pitch at their fifth-round pick, Minnesota quarterback Mike Hohensee who signed during the first week of training camp. His chief competition for the starting job is expected to come from seven-year NFL vet Kim McQuilken and former Maryland signalcaller Mark Manges. Coach Ray Jauch also is high on William & Mary's Chris Garrity, who spent the 1982 summer with the Redskins but was injured early.

At the moment, James and former Washington Redskin Buddy Hardeman are penciled in as the Feds' starting running backs. But Don Testerman, who, for what it's worth, is the fourth-leading rusher in Seattle Seahawks history, and former Redskin Bobby Hammond also will be given hard looks during training camp.

Jauch, the fourth winningest coach in CFL history, already has imported 10 players from north of the border, and is expected to bring a few more aboard come March 1, when many CFL players officially will become free agents.

Two of the more notable CFL players already on board are defensive backs Don Burrell and Greg Butler. Butler is a three-time All-CFL player who played on four Grey Cup teams at Edmonton. Burrell spent two seasons at Winnipeg.



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# Atlantic Division Rosters



## BOSTON BREAKERS

Adams, Joe	G	Nebraska	Johnson, Dennis	FB	Mississippi St.
Alford, John	DT	So. Carolina St.	Livingston, Mike	QB	So. Methodist
Andreoli, John	LB	Holy Cross	Lockett, Frank	WR	Nebraska
Bates, Phil	FB	Nebraska	Love, Terry	DB	Murray St.
Bayle, David	TE	Washington	Mazzetti, Tim	PK	Pennsylvania
Brewington, Mike	LB	East Carolina	McClain, Larry	DL	Wern Carolina
Brown, Ken	WR	Nebraska	McLaughlin, Mike	C	Massachusetts
Brown, Marion	WR	South Carolina	Newton, Bob	G	Nebraska
Bullard, Louis	OT	Jackson St.	Ogburn, Reggie	RB	Oregon
Carter, M. L.	CB	San Jose St.	Patrick, Mike	P	Mississippi St.
Clark, David	DT	Nebraska	Phillips, Ray	LB	Nebraska
Coash, Beau	TE	Middlebury	Price, Ernie	DE	Texas A&I
Conway, Dan	FB	Boston College	Pryor, Benjie	TE	Pittsburgh
Courtney, John	DT	So. Carolina St.	Raymond, Gerry	G	Boston College
Crump, Richard	RB	NE Okla. A&M	Reiwerts, Ed	LB	Hawaii
Danielbauer, Bob	LB	Neb.-Omaha	Restic, Joe	DB-P	Notre Dame
Davis, Tony	RB	Nebraska	Schmeding, John	G	Boston College
Fallon, Bill	LB	Cal Poly Pomona	Smith, Tim	S	Oregon St.
Faubel, Tim	LB	Cal Lutheran	Steels, Anthony	RB	Nebraska
Ferrari, Phil	LB	Maine	Strozier, Dwayne	DB	Arizona St.
Flanagan, Anthony	QB	Georgia	Taylor, Billy	RB	Texas Tech
Franklin, Jerrell	OL	Southern	Taylor, James	OL	Missouri
Franz, Nolan	WR	Tulane	Thomas, Pappy	DB	Pittsburgh
Geathers, Robert	DE	So. Carolina St.	Vitiello, Sandro	PK	Massachusetts
Gompf, Bill	LB	Utah	Walton, John	QB	Elizth City St.
Goodspeed, Mark	OT	Nebraska	Warthen, Ralph	DT	Gardner-Webb
Grupp, Bob	P	Duke	Westbrook, Don	WR	Nebraska
Harbison, Charles	DB	Gardner-Webb	White, James	CB	Pittsburgh
Henry, Forrest	DB	Utah	White, Terry	CB	Houston
Hipp, I. M.	RB	Nebraska	Wikerson, Darryl	DE	No. Carolina St.
Hoopes, Mitch	P	Arizona	Wilson, Woodrow	QB	Pace
Hurley, Dan	OT	Nebraska	Woodward, Doug	WR	Miss. Valley St.
Jackson, Cedrick	WR	Delta St.	Wright, Wally	DT	No. Texas St.
Johnson, Brad	C	Nebraska	Young, Charles		



## NEW JERSEY GENERALS

Allen, Anthony	CB	Texas	McComaughy, T.	WR	Cent. Arkansas
Anderson, V. R.	RB	Oklahoma	McKibben, Mike	LB	Kent St.
Boisture, David	QB	Holy Cross	McMillin, Troy	G	Illinois
Bowers, Sam	TE	Fordham	Millard, Bryan	G	Texas
Bradley, Gene	QB	Arkansas St.	Miller, Terry	RB	Oklahoma St.
Breathett, S.	LB	Oklahoma	Mitchell, Mike	DE	Ferrum JC
Brockhaus, Jeff	K	Missouri	Moody, Keith	DB	Syracuse
Brodsky, Larry	WR	Miami (Fla.)	Moore, Dana	K	Mississippi St.
Carino, Andy	LB	Rutgers	Moore, Jim	OL	Wisconsin
Carthon, Maurice	RB	Arkansas St.	Murphy, Bob	S	Ohio St.
Casperon, Tom	WR	Trenton St.	Murray, Richard	DE	Oklahoma
Clemmons, M.	LB	Kent St.	Murtha, Greg	OT	Minnesota
Coffey, Larry	RB	W. Va. Wesleyan	Naylor, Frank	C	Rutgers
Costick, Ray	LB	Mississippi St.	Noel, Dana	CB	Minnesota
Cox, Steve	G	Tulsa	Pegues, Rod	RB	Oklahoma
Daniels, Terry	RB	Tennessee	Powell, Steve	RB	NE Missouri St.
Darris, Phillip	DT	Miss. Valley St.	Prudhomme, D.	QB	SW Louisiana
Dawson, Scott	DE	Oklahoma	Raeoford, Peter	CB	Nern Michigan
Dorian, Tim	C	Wichita St.	Shepard, Darrell	LB	Oklahoma
Friede, Mike	WR	Indiana	Shoate, Rod	LB	Oklahoma
Hackett, Joey	TE	Elion	Skibinski, John	Purdue	
Hammond, Steve	LB	Wake Forest	Slawson, Mark	WR	The Citadel
Harris, Wayne	G	Mississippi St.	Sopp, Sam	DB	Kent St.
Harvey, Warren	DB	Syracuse	Spencer, Herb	LB	Newberry
Heminger, Dwight	DT	W. Chester St.	Sturdivant, John	DE	Ohio St.
Hicks, Victor	TE	Oklahoma	Sturt, Fred	G	Bowling Green
Holliday, William	DB	Bowie St.	Sullivan, Dwight	RB	No. Carolina St.
Hull, Kent	C	Mississippi St.	Thomas, Todd	C	North Dakota
Joyce, John	LB	Colgate	Tullis, Walter	WR	Delaware St.
Kestner, Jeff	G	Tenn.-Chat.	Watts, Benjamin	DL	Stephen F. A.
Lockette, James	DT	Missouri	Wedington, Mike	LB	Oklahoma
Lott, Thomas	RB	Oklahoma	Williams, Mike	CB	Texas A&M
Mathis, Reggie	LB	Oklahoma	Williams, Steve	G	Oklahoma
McAndrews, J.	OL	Syracuse	Williamson, Ricky	DE	Mars Hill
McCollum, John	G	Syracuse	Wright, Eddie	WR	Wake Forest



## PHILADELPHIA STARS

Anae, Brad	DE	Brigham Young	Harvin, Allen	RB	Cincinnati
Anderson, Anthony	RB	Temple	Hilbert, Jay	OT	North Dakota
Battaglia, Mark	C	Penn St.	Hinton, Reggie	WR	Western Mich.
Bell, Duane	DE	Temple	Howard, Glenn	LB	Minnesota
Brechtbill, Kurt	DT	Pittsburgh	Jackson, Roger	DB	Penn St.
Brooks, Jon	LB	Clemson	Johnson, Sammy	DB	North Carolina
Brownell, Brian	QB	Temple	Keeler, K.C.	DB	Delaware
Brown, Reggie	WR	Temple	Kimichik, Al	TE	Michigan St.
Bryant, Kelvin	RB	North Carolina	King, Jerome	DB	Purdue
Burris, Scott	G	Ohio St.	Krohn, Jim	QB	Arizona
Case, Frank	DE	Penn St.	Landeta, Sean	K	Towson St.
Collier, Willie	WR	Pittsburgh	Lucear, Gerald	WR	Temple
Comiskey, Chuck	G	Mississippi	Lush, Mike	DB	E. Stroudsburg
Cooper, George	LB	Michigan St.	McGants, Mark	DB	Temple
Cugliari, Joe	DT	Ind. (Pa.) St.	Melontree, Lester	DE	S.F. Austin
Cunningham, Eric	G	Penn St.	Mills, Sam	LB	Montclair St.
D'Amico, Rich	LB	Penn St.	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	Penn St.
Darby, Paul	WR	SW Texas St.	Moor, Buddy	DT	E. Kentucky
Dark, Frank	DB	Virginia Union	Morris, Glenn	LB	East Carolina
DeMarinis, Vince	LB	Montclair St.	Oates, Bart	C	Brigham Young
Donaldson, Rick	LB	Penn St.	Oates, Brad	OT	Brigham Young
Donovan, Tom	WR	Penn St.	Opfor, Dave	DT	Penn St.
Dunek, Ken	TE	Memphis St.	Parker, Rodney	WR	Tennessee St.
Eatman, Irv	OT	UCLA	Petrucchio, Tony	DT	Penn St.
Evans, Marlin	LB	Indiana	Phelan, Kevin	RB	Delaware
Farmer, Robert	RB	Boise St.	Pryls, Ed	LB	Penn St.
Fielder, Don	DE	Kentucky	Riley, David	RB	West Virginia
Fitzkee, Scott	WR	Penn St.	Rodenberger, Jeff	FB	Maryland
Folsom, Steve	TE	Utah	Rogers, Ernie	OT	Rice
Franco, Brian	PK	Penn St.	Rogusky, Vince	TE	Lehigh
Fusina, Chuck	QB	Penn St.	Rosborough, Willie	LB	Washington
Garza, Rich	G	Temple	Russell, Booker	FB	SW Texas St.
Gibson, Antonio	DB	Cincinnati	Smith, Gary	G	Virginia Tech
Gilbert, George	G	Tulsa	Tolbert, Willie	RB	Cheyne St.
Goddard, Derrick	DB	Drake	Trout, David	PK	Pittsburgh
Gruber, Bob	OT	Pittsburgh	Wilson, Dwayne	WR	Rutgers
Happe, Joe	C	Georgia	Woerner, Scott	DB	Georgia



## WASHINGTON FEDERALS

Ariri, Obed	PK	Clemson	Hickman, Dallas	DE	California
Bacon, Coy	DE	Jackson St.	Hoffman, Steve	P	Dickson
Barber, Bob	DE	Grambling	Hohensee, Mike	QB	Minnesota
Barker, Mike	DT	Grambling	Holley, Willie	CB	East Carolina
Baxley, Ed	LB	So. Carolina	Horton, Myke	OL	UCLA
Bell, Farley	LB	Cincinnati	Howard, Anton	WR	Win.-Salem
Berryhill, Tony	OT	Clemson	Hurst, Mike	LB	Cincinnati
Bock, Joe	C	Virginia	James, Craig	RB	So. Methodist
Bragg, Mike	P	Richmond	Jones, Arr.	RB	Win.-Salem
Brown, Gary	G	Clemson	Kinney, Vince	WR	Maryland
Brown, Jeff	DB	Liberty Bapt.	Lee, Walker	WR	No. Carolina
Brown, Larry	OT	Miami (Fla.)	Lemon, Mike	LB	Maryland
Brown, Marc	WR	Towson St.	Manges, Mark	QB	Maryland
Burrell, Donald	CB	Mississippi St.	Matocha, Mike	DE	Tex.-Ar'ton
Butler, Greg	DB	Howard	Mayberry, James	DE	Colorado
Byrom, Bruce	C	Maryland	McKinney, Zion	DE	So. Carolina
Caldwell, Rod	DT	Maryland	McQuiken, Kim	WR	Lehigh
Carr, Brad	LB	Maryland	Muselman, Brian	C	Virginia
Corvino, Mike	DT	Maryland	Nott, Mike	QB	Santa Clara
Davidson, Chy	WR	Rhode Island	Pacella, Dave	OT	Maryland
Diggs, Bubba	TE	Clemson	Patterson, Kevin	LB	Virginia Union
Dolce, Chris	G	Clemson	Postell, Jeff	WR	Morehouse
DuBois, Phil	TE	San Diego St.	Robinson, Eric	FB	Indiana St.
Fernandes, Ron	DE	E. Michigan	Sanford, Mark	LB	Virginia
Forslund, Mike	QB	Liberty Bapt.	Shupry, Bob	DT	New Mexico
Franklin, Larry	WR	Jackson St.	Smith, Bennie	LB	Missouri
Garrity, Chris	QB	Wm. & Mary	Smith, Reggie	WR	N. Caro. Cen.
Gordon, Steve	DB	Richmond	Snowden, George	OT	Shepherd
Goosby, Rodney	WR	UNLV	Suber, Tony	DL	Gard.-Webb
Greene, Doug	DB	Texas A&I	Taylor, Drew	DE	San Jose St.
Guess, Mike	DB	Ohio St.	Testerman, Don	RB	Clemson
Hall, Hollis	CB	Clemson	Wall, William	TE	Virginia Union
Hammond, Bob	RB	Morgan St.	Wells, Angelo	DE	Morgan St.
Hardeman, Bud	RB	Iowa St.	Zupancic, John	LB	Miami (O.)
Harris, Don	S	Rutgers			



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# Allen and Some Other Guys

By MIKE FLANAGAN

TAMPA—George Allen here, George Allen there, George Allen everywhere.

And exactly who are Rollie Dotsch, Jim Stanley and Steve Spurrier, anyway? They aren't here, they aren't there, they aren't anywhere.

Or so it seems.

In case you haven't heard, Dotsch is coach of the Birmingham Stallions, Stanley is coach of the Michigan Panthers and Spurrier is coach of the Tampa Bay Bandits. Those fellows, hardly household names, will be matching wits in the USFL Central Division with none other than George Allen, the master builder himself, the architect of NFL powerhouses in Los Angeles and Washington.

While Dotsch, Stanley and Spurrier have never called the shots for a pro team, being a head coach is second nature to Allen. So is winning.

In 12 NFL seasons, Allen proved he knew how to build and coach a winning team, and against men considered to be the best in the business. He compiled a 49-17-4 record with the Rams from 1966-1970 and a mark of 67-47-5 with the Redskins from 1971-1977, including a trip to the 1973 Super Bowl. On one finger of one hand he wears a Super Bowl ring and on one finger of the other hand he wears an NFL Coach-of-the-Year ring, an honor he won four times.

However, his tenure in both Los Angeles and Washington wasn't always without controversy. He was often criticized for his defensive-oriented approach and for his custom of trading away draft choices for veterans, which inspired the Redskins slogan, "The Future is Now."

In 1978, a contract dispute between Allen and Redskin Owner Edward Bennett Williams cost him his job. He was rehired by the Rams, then was fired after only two preseason games.

He hasn't coached since. Five years is a long time to be away. Or is it?

"That makes no difference," Allen said. "When you've done something all your life, you don't lose anything. If anything, it might be an advantage. When you get away from it, you have a chance to reflect. I think Dick Vermeil, when he comes back, will be a better coach. I'm proud of what I've done. Over the years, I've won 71 percent of my games, and I've had a winning edge over the Dallas Cowboys. Being away can only help."

And it was nice to return to the game in Chicago, where for eight years he was defensive coordinator of the Bears under the legendary George Halas. This time, though, Allen is calling all the shots. He's head coach, part-owner and, of course, master builder.



George Allen . . . Outfitted for a new challenge.

As soon as Allen learned which schools he'd be assigned in the league's territorial draft, he knew he couldn't sit still, not that he would have anyway. The league gave the Blitz the rights to 26 players from Notre Dame, Illinois, Northern Illinois, Western Illinois and Northwestern.

"We're 12th in the league in that category," Allen says. "There's not much talent at Northwestern, and they won their first game in a long time against Northern Illinois, so that tells you something. Notre Dame is good, but a lot of their players don't play pro ball and a lot who do don't pan out. So we've had to make trades and we've had free-agent camps all over the country."

"If Chicago didn't have someone with experience in building a franchise, this franchise could have laid an egg."

And far be it from George Allen to allow that to happen.

Last August, he signed former UCLA All-America tight end Tim Wrightman away from the Bears, who had drafted him in the third round. While the Bears cried foul, Allen proclaimed Wrightman's signing for \$400,000 over two years "a historic day" for the USFL.

Then came rumors that Allen would entice former Redskin quarterback Billy Kilmer out of retirement. That never materialized, but Allen did sign 14-year NFL quarterback Greg Landry, who was with the Detroit Lions for 11 years and the Baltimore Colts for three. In order to get the

rights to Landry, Allen traded away four players on his negotiation list.

That was only a start. By December, the Blitz roster stood at 268 players, which team officials were proclaiming as an unofficial Guinness world record for signed players to a single professional sports organization. (Allen probably set another Guinness record when he released 134 players on the same day.)

The players signed by the Blitz attended 148 different colleges and hailed from 37 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The team held nine formal free agent tryouts throughout the country and numerous special free agent tryouts at Blitz Park. In all, the Blitz said it had evaluated more than 3,000 players since the club's initial tryout last August 21.

On top of that, within a week after the league's first draft, the Blitz signed Ohio State running back Tim Spencer and Grambling receiver Trumaine Johnson, their two No. 1 picks in the regular phase of the draft, to long-term contracts.

Allen even flew to Lincoln, Ill., last November to give a tryout to Michael Sifford, an inmate at Logan Correctional Center, a minimum security prison, because he felt Sifford was worth a look.

And it has been written, in the Book of George, that no stone shall remain unturned.

For all his wheeling and dealing, Allen is building a team of experienced players,

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with a few promising youngsters mixed in. He wants a winning team, and he wants one this season.

However, Allen denies that his team is another version of the "Over the Hill Gang."

"It isn't because we'll have too many young guys in there," he said. "I didn't have many rookies on my 'Over the Hill Gang' in Washington. I like players who don't make mistakes, as all coaches do." But . . . "I've had fine rookies who haven't made mistakes. I'm not averse to rookies."

And from the sound of things, the other three head coaches in the Central Division don't mind having Allen around. And not only do they think they can give his team a good game, they think they can beat him at his own game.

"Based on George's track record in the NFL and what he's already done in Chicago, I'd say you'd have to say Chicago is the team to beat in our division," said Birmingham's Dotsch, who had coached the offensive line for the Pittsburgh Steelers since 1978. "That seems only logical to me. You have a guy at Detroit who was an assistant coach in the NFL, I was an assistant in the NFL, and a guy in Tampa who was an assistant in college but who played in the pros. Then you have George and his track record in the NFL, and that's a big factor. And he's signed Landry, Spencer, Wrightman and other good players."

"But that doesn't mean we'll concede anything. As far as everybody else is concerned, you can say Chicago is the favorite. But as far as myself, Stanley and Spurrier are concerned, we're not saying anything. I'd be less than honest to concede anything to George. You can assess talent on paper, but that doesn't always tell the story."

Michigan's Stanley, who coached the defensive line for the Atlanta Falcons the last three seasons, echoes that feeling.

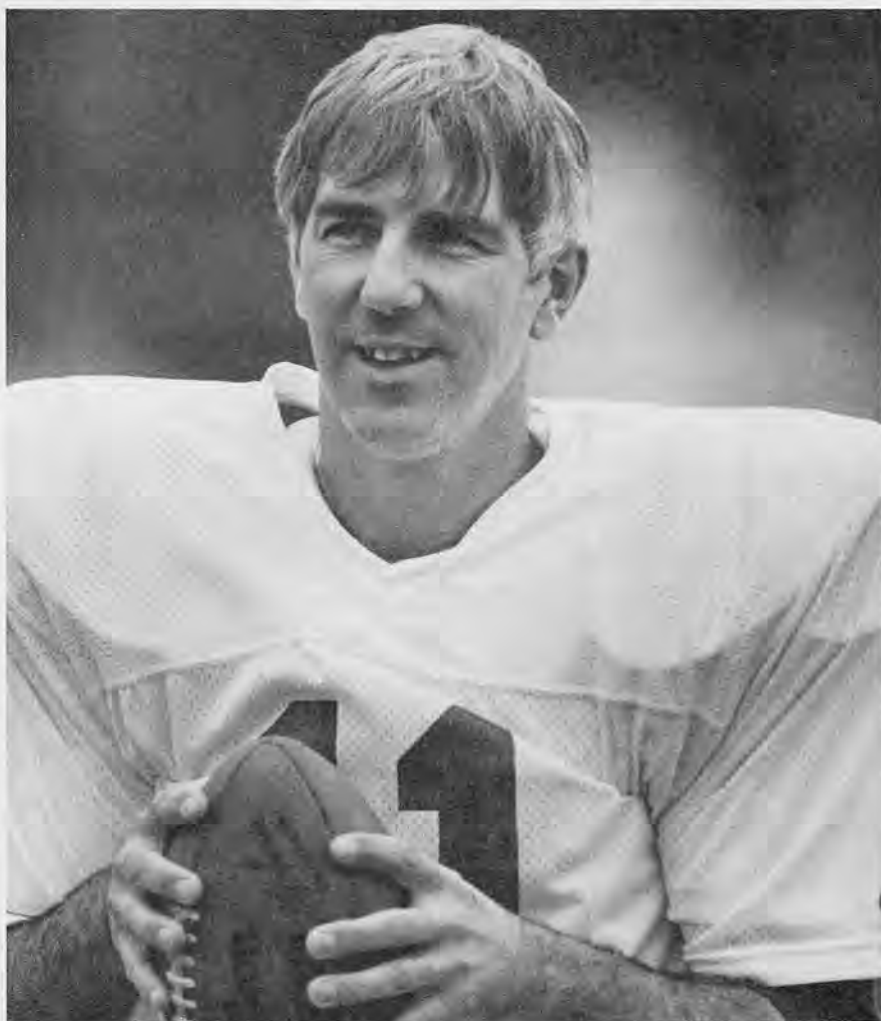
"George may have an edge now, but you don't know for sure until you get on the field," he said. "Games aren't won on paper. He has signed some good players and that's a plus."

How much of a plus, though, he isn't sure.

"I just don't know," Stanley said. "I'd rather have 40 great college players than 40 guys who have been cut from the NFL. You need a mixture, but the heart of your club must come from the draft, or you get old too quick. We'd like to have some guys who have been in the NFL, but not too many or we'll peter out. You have to build a solid foundation and that comes from the younger players."

There is no backing down in Tampa, either, where Spurrier, 35, one of the youngest coaches in pro ball, is setting up shop.

"I don't know if George has an advantage player-wise," said Spurrier, the former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback (1966) from Florida. "He has to prove that on the field. George Allen has been a head coach and has been success-



**Greg Landry . . . Familiar name at the quarterback spot.**

ful, and will probably continue to be successful. We just hope to be more successful."

And while on the subject of edges, Spurrier, who turned a dud offense at Duke into one of the nation's most explosive offenses in the last three seasons, believes he may have an edge on Allen.

"George Allen doesn't play and I don't play," Spurrier says. "Our jobs are to prepare the players the best we can. All that other stuff means nothing. In the last three years, I've been calling the plays every Saturday, and he hasn't been. So maybe I have an edge on him."

None of the coaches said any of this with disrespect for Allen. To the contrary, they all say they have the utmost respect for him. Allen took their comments as such. If he was in their shoes, he'd probably be saying the same things.

"That's what I would anticipate them saying," Allen says. "You have to do it on the field. The on-field performance is what counts."

And it's a good thing for the other coaches. Off the field, George Allen has been hard to beat.

Now for a look at each team:

**BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS**—In deference to the football programs at Auburn

and Alabama, the Stallions took a decidedly low-key approach until those teams finished their seasons. That was fine with the Stallions, who figured their time would come.

They did, however, sign their first player in early November, former All-Pro center Tom Banks. Banks played 11 years with the St. Louis Cardinals, and was an All-Pro from 1975 to '78.

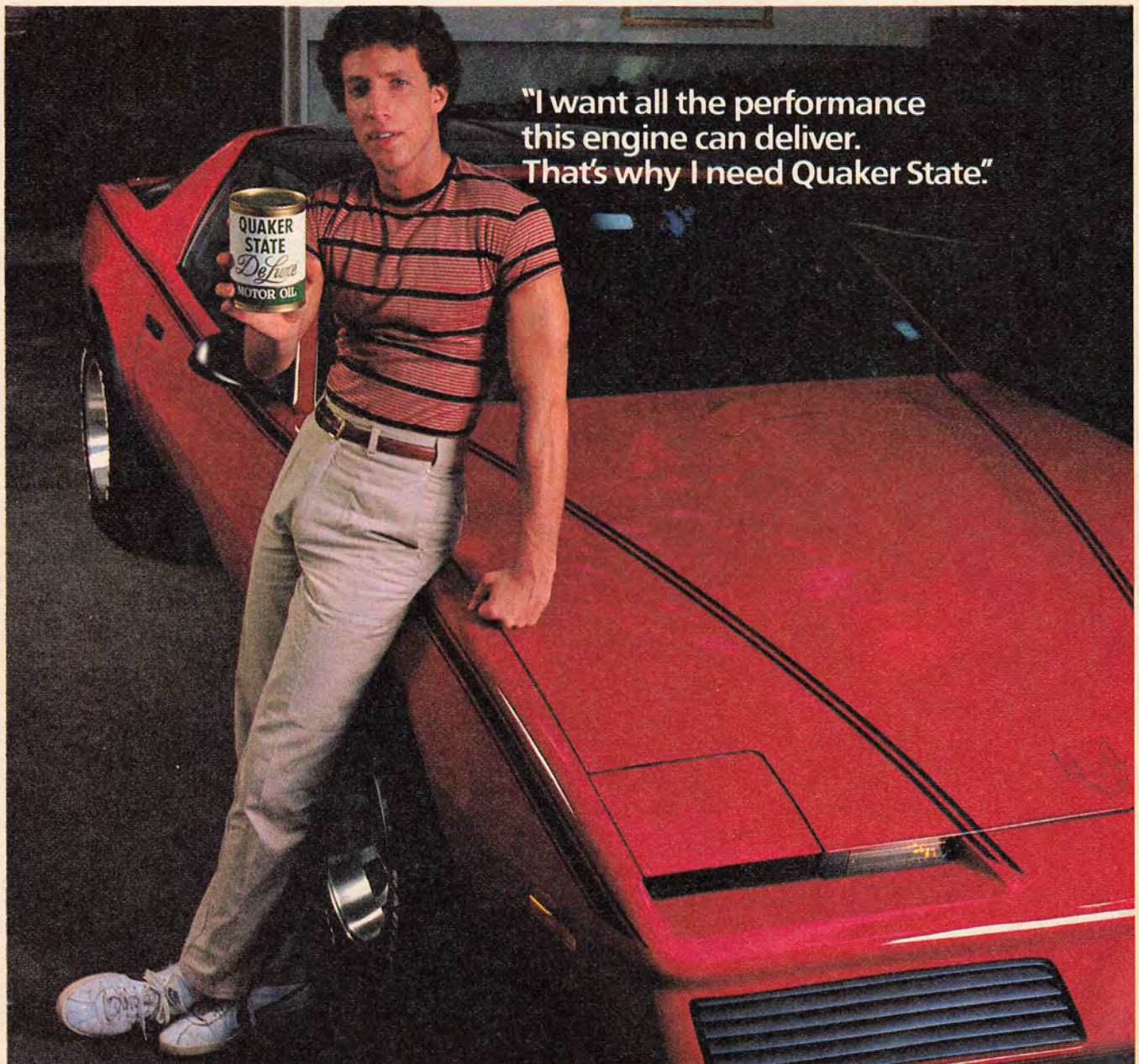
Their next major signing didn't come until two months later, and it was a big one: 6-4, 205-pound Southern Mississippi quarterback Reggie Collier. Reportedly, he signed a five-year, \$1 million contract. In addition to the money, the team guaranteed Collier that he'd play quarterback. "I want to play quarterback," Collier said, "and in the NFL there was some question."

That was fine with Dotsch, who says Collier has the kind of versatility a quarterback will need in the new league. Indeed, Collier, who was mentioned for possible Heisman Trophy honors, can do it all. In leading the Eagles to two straight bowl games, Collier had a career rushing total of 2,302 yards (5.2 yards a carry) and completed 50 percent of his passes for 3,362 yards.

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As for the kind of protection Collier will get from his offensive line, it's too early to say who will join Banks. But based on Dotsch's background, it should be a good line.

A former head coach at Northern Michigan, Dotsch was in charge of the Steelers' offensive line the past three seasons, earning a reputation as one of the game's finest teachers and advocates of proper technique and fundamentals. Pittsburgh won back-to-back Super Bowl championships his first two seasons with the club.

He was enjoying his stay with the Steelers, but when he had the opportunity to take reins of a pro team, he couldn't resist.

"At my age (49), it was something I had to do," he said. "As I told another coach at the time, how many shots will I get? There are 28 jobs in the NFL and they're hard to come by."

The team is owned by Marvin Warner, a longtime Florida banker who once owned 49 percent of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and a small piece of the New York Yankees. He is a former ambassador to Switzerland and is a renowned thoroughbred breeder and stable owner.

**CHICAGO BLITZ**—Despite all the talent that George Allen has searched for and signed during the last few months, he balks at any suggestion that his team is the favorite—even on paper.

"There are too many uncertainties, for me or anyone else to be the favorite," he said. "I don't know who my kicker will be or who my fullback will be or one man on my defensive line or an offensive center I can count on."

However, he does have a running back he can count on in Spencer, the Big Ten rushing leader from Ohio State. Spencer, a 6-1, 212-pound tailback, ended his career as the No. 2 rusher in Ohio State history, with 3,553 yards.

Then there is Johnson, Wrightman, Landry and what Allen calls a good offensive line. Ironically, Allen, known for his emphasis on defense, says that is his team's weakest aspect.

"We don't have much in the way of defense," Allen said. "We have all our talent on offense. But we're also trying to take advantage of the rules. In this league, you better have an offense that can score, because it doesn't look like anybody will be able to stop anybody from scoring." He hoped to build his defense around line-backer Stan White, signed after playing out his contract with the Detroit Lions and cornerback Frank Minniefield, a top-rated collegian from Louisville.

For Allen, the best part of catching on with the Blitz was that he got to own a part of the team, one of his lifelong ambitions. Other owners are Dr. Ted Diethrich, a cardiovascular surgeon, and Willard Harris, president of Rampart General Contractors and Builders of Irvine, Calif.

**MICHIGAN PANTHERS**—As far as Stanley is concerned, a good defense is a must. That may help explain why the Panthers went after and signed their No. 1

## BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS

Mar. 7	—at MICHIGAN (Mon.)	8:00
Mar. 13	—at Oakland	1:00
Mar. 21	—PHILADELPHIA (Mon.)	8:00
Mar. 26	—ARIZONA (Sat.)	7:00
April 3	—at Boston	1:30
April 10	—at Chicago	12:30
April 17	—DENVER	12:30
April 24	—OAKLAND	12:30
May 1	—at Washington	1:30
May 9	—at New Jersey (Mon.)	9:00
May 14	—LOS ANGELES (Sat.)	7:00
May 23	—at Michigan (Mon.)	8:00
May 27	—at Denver (Fri.)	7:00
June 5	—at Tampa Bay	1:30
June 12	—BOSTON	12:30
June 17	—CHICAGO (Fri.)	8:00
June 26	—at Philadelphia	1:30
July 2	—TAMPA BAY (Sat.)	7:00

## CHICAGO BLITZ

Mar. 6	—at Washington	1:30
Mar. 12	—at Arizona (Sat.)	7:00
Mar. 20	—DENVER	12:30
Mar. 27	—LOS ANGELES	12:30
April 2	—at Tampa Bay (Sat.)	8:00
April 10	—BIRMINGHAM	12:30
April 17	—at Michigan (Mon.)	1:30
April 25	—NEW JERSEY (Mon.)	8:00
May 1	—at Los Angeles	1:00
May 8	—WASHINGTON	12:30
May 15	—at Philadelphia	1:30
May 22	—at New Jersey	1:30
May 30	—ARIZONA (Mon.)	8:00
June 6	—at Boston (Mon.)	9:00
June 12	—TAMPA BAY	12:30
June 17	—at Birmingham (Fri.)	8:00
June 26	—MICHIGAN	12:30
July 3	—OAKLAND	12:30

## MICHIGAN PANTHERS

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Mar. 12	—at Tampa Bay (Sat.)	8:00
Mar. 19	—OAKLAND (Sat.)	8:00
Mar. 27	—at Washington	1:30
April 4	—DENVER (Mon.)	8:00
April 10	—at New Jersey	1:30
April 17	—CHICAGO	1:30
April 23	—LOS ANGELES (Sat.)	8:00
May 1	—at Boston	1:30
May 7	—at Arizona (Sat.)	7:00
May 16	—NEW JERSEY (Mon.)	8:00
May 23	—BIRMINGHAM (Mon.)	8:00
May 30	—TAMPA BAY (Mon.)	6:00
June 5	—at Philadelphia	1:30
June 12	—at Los Angeles	1:00
June 20	—WASHINGTON (Mon.)	9:00
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draft pick, safety David Greenwood of Wisconsin. A 6-3, 208-pounder, Greenwood was an All-Big Ten defensive back who has also high jumped 7 feet, 2 inches in Big Ten track competition.

Greenwood signed a four-year contract for an undisclosed amount of money, but his agent, Greg Campbell, said his salary makes Greenwood one of the highest paid defensive backs in pro football.

Apparently, Stanley thinks he'll be worth every cent. "I think he'll save more touchdowns than a good offensive player would make," he said.

On offense, the Panthers protected Anthony Carter, the All-America wide receiver from Michigan, but have yet to sign him. They did sign Vanderbilt quarterback Whit Taylor, who was the most valuable player in the Hall of Fame Bowl game and Bobby Hebert of NW Louisiana. "He's a fierce competitor," Stanley said of Taylor. "And he won at Vanderbilt, and took them to a bowl."

Stanley coached Oklahoma State to two bowl games during his six-year tenure there. He left to coach the defensive line for the New York Giants for one year, then held the same position with Atlanta for three years.

He said the biggest influences on his coaching philosophy came from Bear Bryant, for whom Stanley played for at Texas A&M in the mid-'50s; and from Bum Phillips, with whom he coached for four years, two of which were at Amarillo (Tex.) High School.

The owners are former judge Peter Spivak and A. Alfred Taubman, who heads one of the nation's foremost real estate organizations.

**TAMPA BAY BANDITS**—With Steve Spurrier putting together the playbook and calling the plays from the sideline, the Bandits should be a fun team to watch. A hero in his own time when he played quarterback for the Florida Gators in the mid-'60s, Spurrier loves to keep defenses honest.

Last fall at Duke, the Blue Devils racked up more yards than any team in Atlantic Coast Conference history. Of the top five receivers in the ACC, four of them played at Duke.

Running the show on the field will be John Reeves, another Florida quarterback of a later era. Reeves, 32, who had chances with a couple of NFL teams, says he is in the best shape of his life.

He'll have a couple of good receivers in Danny Buggs and Johnnie Dirden, two more guys who did well in the NFL but were cut. And chances are the Bandits will sign one of Spurrier's favorite players from Duke, receiver Chris Castor.

The Bandits have been content not to go after their high draft choices, preferring instead to build a team of players with NFL experience and good college backgrounds.

The owner is John Bassett, former owner of the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League. That team, which originated in Toronto, was best known for pirating Miami Dolphins stars Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield in 1975. Bassett has numerous real estate and business interests in the U.S. and Canada, his native country. The Bandits' most famous part-owner (though he has only a small share) is motion picture star Burt Reynolds.





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Aydelette, Buddy	OT	Alabama	Mitchell, Mike	DB	Tenn.-Chatt.
Banks, Tom	C	Auburn	Molde, Bobby	DE	Mississippi St.
Barries, Steve	DB	Tex. Christian	Morton, John	DE	Kent St.
Biscoe, James	WR	Santa Clara	Moy, Sylvester	WR	Grambling
Bollinger, Alan	P	Auburn	Murphy, Mike	LB	SW Missouri
Carson, Malcolm	DT	Tenn.-Chatt.	Murphy, Willard	LB	Tenn.-Chatt.
Chie, Jackie	DT	Alabama	Newhouse, John	RB	Houston
Collier, Reggie	QB	So. Mississippi	Norwood, Scott	PK	James Madison
Cowell, Vince	G	Alabama	Parham, Robert	RB	Grambling
Dean, Roy	WR	Alabama A&M	Phenix, Pat	OT	Mississippi
Denison, Kerry	WR	Tabor	Preston, Ed	WR	Arkansas St.
Drakulic, Gary	TE	Carnegie-Mellon	Quarles, Cornelius	RB	Howard
Frederick, Ron	WR	Duke	Quarles, Donald	LB	John C. Smith
Gant, Earl	RB	Missouri	Raines, Mike	DE	Alabama
Grandjean, Charles	S	Kent St.	Randolph, Harold	LB	East Carolina
Hamilton, Wayne	DE	Alabama	Reed, Matthew	QB	Grambling
Herring, Steve	C	Mississippi	Sandton, Pat	G	Vanderbilt
Iia, Welby	WR	Bishop	Sartor, Tony	OT	Mississippi St.
Jackson, Willie	CB	Mississippi St.	Searcey, Bill	G	Alabama
James, Tim	G	Elon	Smith, Freddie	LB	Auburn
Jarrrell, Alrie	DE	Austin Peay	Statzer, Kevin	DB	Youngstown St.
Johnson, Lonnie	RB	Indiana	Steward, Marvin	LB	Tuskegee
Kelley, Mike	QB	Georgia Tech	Talton, Ken	RB	Cornell
Kennedy, Mike	S	Toledo	Thomas, Michael	DB	Tennessee St.
Kincaid, Michael	RB	Mississippi Coll.	Thomas, Sam	RB	None
Knafecl, Greg	TE	Notre Dame	Thompson, Em.	S	Texas A&I
Lane, Bob	QB	NE Louisiana	Tillman, George	LB	So. Mississippi
Leopard, Ed	PK	South Carolina	Trotman, Charlie	DB	Auburn
Lilly, Lorenza	OT	Alabama St.	Turner, Mike	G	Louisiana St.
Lowe, Eddie	LB	Alabama	Warren, Gary	DB	None
Lowery, Gregg	P	Jacksonville St.	White, Bill	RB	Missouri
Martin, Charles	DT	Livingston	Williams, Brett	LB	Austin Peay
Mason, Darryl	TE	Arkansas	Woods, Robert	OT	Tennessee St.

Ah You, Junior	DE	Arizona St.	Long, Kevin	RB	So. Carolina
Anderson, Marcus	WR	Tulane	Lorch, Karl	DE	Southern Cal
Bey, Jerry	RB	Western Ill.	May, Marc	TE	Purdue
Bishop, Dennis	CB	Illinois	Meintree, Andrew	LB	Baylor
Boatner, Mack	FB	SE Louisiana	Minniefield, Frank	CB	Louisville
Bradley, Luther	S	Notre Dame	Norman, Tim	OT	Illinois
Branch, Bruce	G	Arizona St.	Olson, Ken	PK	Salisbury St.
Brown, Eddie	S	Tennessee	Owens, Artie	WR	West Virginia
Buben, Mark	DT	Tufts	Pesut, Wally	OL	Kentucky
Biggs, Wamon	WR	Vanderbilt	Pettenuzzo, Ray	RB	Carthage
Carsello, Brett	C	Wis.-Eau Claire	Porras, Tom	QB	Washington
Cobb, Bob	DE	Arizona	Reed, Frank	S	Washington
Collins, Frank	WR	Utah	Richmond, Rock	DB	Oregon
Cozen, Doug	TE	Illinois	Ricker, Paul	TE	Norwich
Darling, Tim	LB	Cent. Conn. St.	Risser, Kevin	OL	So. Utah
Demmon, Doug	WR	Kutztown St.	Rozantz, Tom	QB	Wm. & Mary
Dennis, Larry	RB	Southern	Schmidt, Pat	S	Hawaii
Ehlebracht, T.K.	WR	No. Central (Ill.)	Schwartz, Don	S	Wash. St.
Ehrmann, Joe	DT	Syracuse	Shields, Lance	DB	Drake
Eyre, Nick	OT	Brigham Young	Smith, Ed	LB	Vanderbilt
Fahnhorst, Jim	LB	Minnesota	Spencer, Tim	RB	Ohio St.
Federspiel, Joe	LB	Kentucky	Stevenson, Mark	G	Western Ill.
Field, Doak	LB	Baylor	Stone, Jim	RB	Notre Dame
Fletcher, Bob	P	NE Missouri	Sullivan, John	LB	Illinois
Flynn, Dennis	OT	Illinois	Talbot, Dennis	LB	Rhode Island
Gheesling, Bruce	LB	Furman	Taylor, Rob	OT	Northwestern
Gillen, Ken	DE	Illinois	Thomas, Troy	DE	Grambling
Hughes, Allen	DE	Western Mich.	Tobin, Steve	C	Minnesota
Johnson, J.D.	DE	Western Ill.	Torbert, Richard	OL	Arizona St.
Johnson, Trumaine	WR	Grambling	Tyler, Maurice	CB	Morgan St.
Jones, Darrell	G	Southern	Walton, Ted	DB	Connecticut
Koegel, Tim	QB	Notre Dame	White, Stan	LB	Ohio St.
Lafferty, Jack	C	Eastern Ill.	White, Lenny	WR	Ohio St.
Landry, Greg	QB	Massachusetts	Wrightman, Tim	TE	UCLA
Lathrop, Kit	DT	Arizona St.	Yli-Renko, Kari	OT	Cincinnati
Livers, Virgil	CB	W. Kentucky			



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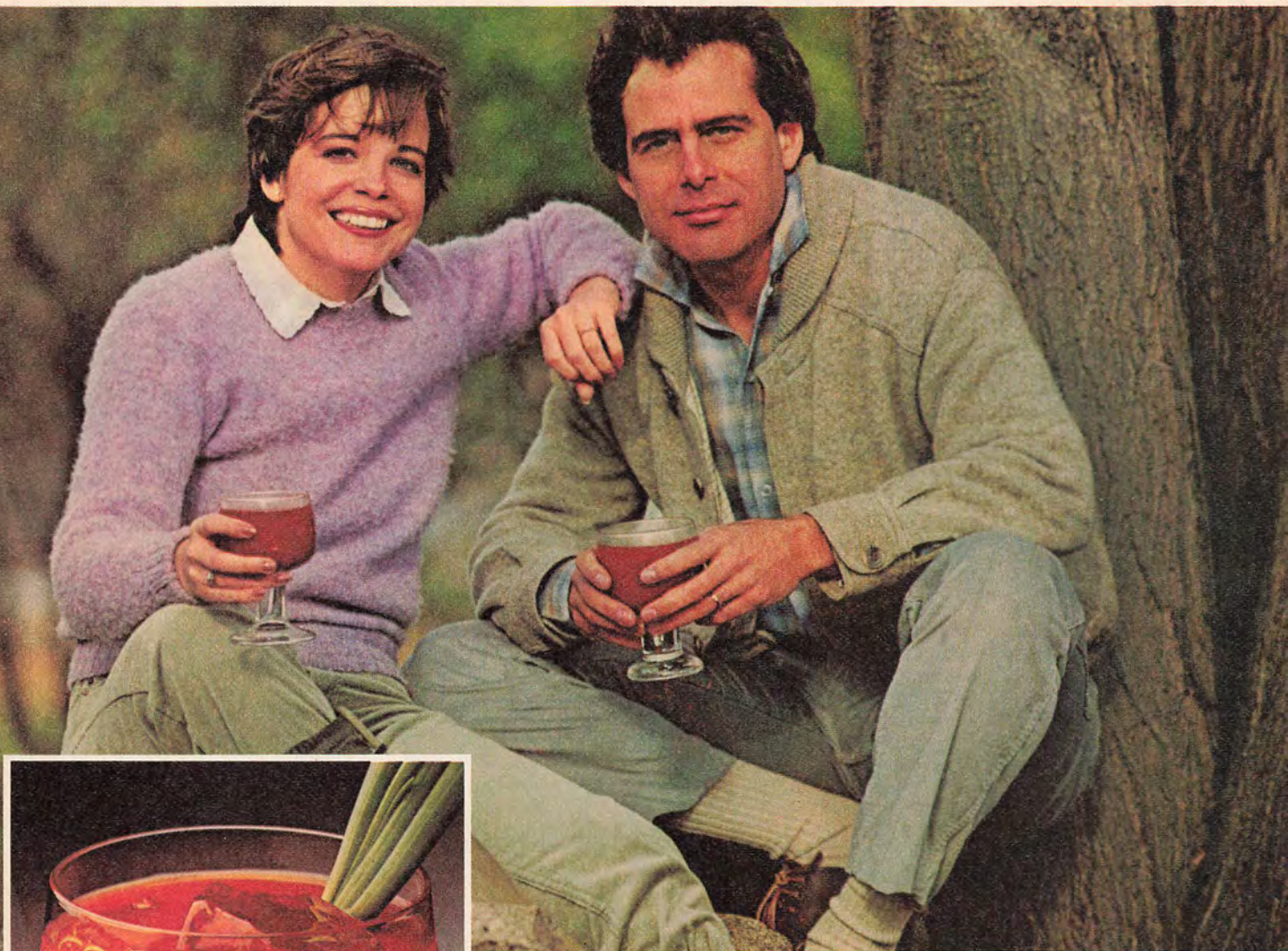
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Albright, Ira	G	Northern St.	Jackson, Ken	QB	Tulsa
Allen, Mike	WR	Washington St.	Jackson, Tony	CB	Michigan
Alvarez, Wilson	PK	SE Louisiana	Kruisinger, Chas.	DT	Eastern Ill.
Anderson, Curtis	DE	Central St.	Land, Mel	LB	Michigan St.
Arnold, John	DB	Iowa St.	Logan, Fred	CB	Cincinnati
Bentley, Ray	LB	Cent. Michigan	Mantos, Marv	G	Michigan St.
Body, Marion	DB	Michigan	McLain, Frank	WR	No. Texas St.
Bojovic, Novo	K	Cent. Michigan	Miller, Mark	QB	Bowling Green
Boimer, Borji	S	E. Michigan	Mohring, John	LB	C.W. Post
Borland, Kyle	LB	Wisconsin	Moriarty, Tom	DB	Bowling Green
Byrd, Eugene	WR	Michigan St.	Osborne, Ronnie	DB	Iowa St.
Campbell, Joe	DT	Baylor	Osun, Tony	DE	Michigan
Cannavino, Andy	LB	Michigan	Padgett, Leland	WR	Louisiana Tech
Carraway, Alfred	DT	Michigan	Payget, Ron	DE	La. Tech
Chapman, Clarence	DB	E. Michigan	Pennywell, Robt.	LB	Grambling
Cobb, Mike	TE	Michigan St.	Piette, Tom	C	Michigan St.
Cokeley, Will	LB	Kansas St.	Poole, Larry	RB	Kent St.
Corker, John	LB	Oklahoma St.	Radioff, Wayne	C	Georgia
Dawson, Hilton	LB	Kansas	Repp, Jay	TE	Ursinus
Dokes, Phil	DT	Oklahoma St.	Roberts, Wes	DE	Tex. Christian
Echols, Don	TE	Oklahoma St.	Sims, Clint	DB	Wisconsin
Edwards, Mike	LB	Oklahoma St.	Smith, Steve	RB	Michigan St.
Ellis, Tony	RB	Michigan St.	Smith, Steve	LB	Michigan St.
Essery, Scott	P	Windsor U.	Steverson, Ron	DB	Wisconsin
Gray, Elbert	CB	Weber St.	Studer, Steve	G	Bowling Green
Godfrey, Chris	OL	Michigan	Taylor, Whit	QB	Vanderbilt
Graham, Russ	OT	Oklahoma St.	Taylor, Worley	RB	Oklahoma St.
Greenwood, David	S	Wisconsin	Tipton, David	DE	Western Ill.
Greve, Kevin	G	E. Kentucky	Van Gorder, Bob	G	Wayne St.
Hagen, Mike	FB	Montana	Vitali, Tony	G	C. Michigan
Hebert, Bobby	QB	NW Louisiana	Vederquist, Craig	G	Drake
Holloway, Derek	WR	Arkansas	Weston, Mike	RB	Wisconsin
Hughes, Derek	RB	Michigan St.	Williams, John	OT	W. Michigan
Jackovich, Dan	OT	Utah St.	Wilson, Duane	LB	Oklahoma St.
Jackson, Jeff	DE	Toledo	Young, Ricky		

Adams, Lee	G	Florida St.	Johnson, Alonzo	LB	Florida St.
Arenas, Alvaro	K	Miami (Fla.)	King, Tim	DB	Delaware St.
Andrusyshun, Z.	P	UCLA	Kirchbaum, Kelly	LB	Kentucky
Bailey, Alvin	DB	Alcorn St.	Koonce, Billy	QB	Florida A&M
Brown, Val	LB	Florida	Lewis, Reggie	DE	No. Texas St.
Boone, Greg	RB	Duke	Macek, Mark	DT	Florida St.
Bugs, Danny	WR	W. Virginia	Mackie, Doug	T	Ohio St.
Bunche, Curtis	DE	Albany St.	Mikolajczyk, Ron	OT	Marshall
Carter, Walter	OT	Florida St.	McQuay, Leon	RB	Tampa
Clark, Keith	LB	Memphis St.	Nordgren, Fred	DT	Portland St.
Cox, Martin	WR	Vanderbilt	Norris, Bob	G	E. Illinois
Davis, Kent	DB	SE Missouri	Oliver, Harrell	LB	Florida A&M
Darden, Johnnie	WR	Sam Hous. St.	Phillips, Wes	TE	Lenoir-Rhyne
Edwards, Glen	S	Florida A&M	Pirowski, Paul	LB	Florida St.
Epps, Roy	DB	Clemson	Platt, Sam	RB	Florida St.
Flowers, Jackie	WR	Florida St.	Ragsdale, George	RB	No. Caro. A&T
Gantner, Ed	DT	C. Florida	Ramey, James	DE	Kentucky
George, Jeff	DB	Illinois St.	Reaves, John	QB	Florida
Gibson, Scott	G	So. Methodist	Roberts, Elbert	DB	Savannah St.
Gilbert, James	DT	Florida St.	Robinson, Joe	T	Ohio St.
Gilbert, Lewis	TE	Florida	Robinson, Ray	DE	Houston
Gillespie, Willie	WR	Tenn.-Chatt.	Simmmons, Ron	DT	Florida St.
Giovanetti, Billy	C	C. Florida	Stephens, Anthony	WR	Florida
Gist, Andre	G	West Virginia	Taylor, Audrey	DE	Houston
Goedeker, Mike	LB	Miami (Fla.)	Taylor, Ken	DB	Florida Tech
Green, Sammy	LB	Florida	Truillion, Eric	WR	Florida A&M
Groves, Tim	DB	Florida	Tyson, Jimmy	LB	Duke
Hanna, Warren	DB	Florida St.	Washington, Russ	LB	So. Methodist
Hartley, Ken	K	Catawba	Wilder, Willie	RB	Florida
Harvey, Len	DE	N. Alabama	Williams, Leon	DB	Louisville
Hayes, Tony	LB	Florida A&M	Williams, Ricky	RB	Florida St.
Hopkins, Bobby	G	Gardner-Webb	Wilson, Greg	RB	E. Tenn. St.
Holmes, Richard	RB	Edinboro St.	Winters, Bill	C	Princeton
Jernigan, Hugh	DB	Arkansas	Wright, Greg	LB	Delaware St.
Jordan, Jimmy	QB	Florida St.	Young, Robert	TE	Beth-Cookman



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# No Shortage of Experience

By RICHARD DOZER

PHOENIX—A curious mixture of nepotism and tight friendships are evident in the ownership ranks of the United States Football League's Pacific Division, whose coaches, for the most part, are heavy with pro experience and whose owners are largely real estate figures or cable TV pioneers.

The jury is still out on the talent level, but such seasoned pros as Dave Roller, Joe Gilliam, Larry Canada, Don Hardeman, Delvin Williams, and Raymond Chester have surfaced early on rosters in Phoenix, Denver, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

And no one's shying away from college football's top names out here either. The Los Angeles Express made Pitt's Dan Marino its top choice, the Oakland Invaders staked their territorial claim on Stanford's John Elway, the Arizona Wranglers went boldly after Illinois' Tony Eason and SMU's Eric Dickerson, and the Denver Gold took a shot at a top Big Eight cornerback, Demetrious Johnson of Missouri.

Signing any of the big ones is something else, of course, but Chicago Blitz Owner-Coach George Allen's success at landing his top draftee, Ohio State running back Tim Spencer, has teams out West feeling they can do the same.

Three of the Pacific Division teams—all but Los Angeles—have set up training camps in the Phoenix area, along with Allen's Blitz. By camp's end in late February, the teams should have an idea of just how good they are, particularly with early forecasts calling the Blitz best in the league winter book.

Curiously, Denver Coach Red Miller's daughter Lana is vice-president of Daniels and Associates, a cable brokerage owned by Bill Daniels, co-owner of the Express. And Oakland Owner Ted Taube and Phoenix Owner Jim Joseph are real estate moguls and neighbors. Joseph won a flip with Taube to get the L.A. franchise—later moved to Phoenix when the San Diego franchise was vacated and descended on Los Angeles.

If it sounds complicated, it is. Here's a rundown on division teams:

**DENVER GOLD**—Ron Blanding, a real estate tycoon who went from working on a cement crew to the ownership of his own concrete company and now stands on the threshold of prominence as a football pioneer, didn't waste time surrounding himself with people of proven ability to turn his USFL empire into Gold.

He employed a Denver favorite, Robert (Red) Miller, the former Broncos coach, as his field leader. And the ticket orders for the Denver Gold began to pour in. The season advance, which undoubtedly will



Joe Gilliam . . . Ex-Steeler gets one more shot.

top everyone else in the league, was expected to surpass 30,000.

Miller, of course, set about quickly assembling what he feels will be the proper blend of former pros and collegiate stars, although the signing of those tabbed in the draft has not been as rewarding as the series of weekend camps from which a bulky group of 150 signees has already been trimmed to 70.

The Gold's No. 1 draft pick was Demetrious Johnson, a Missouri defensive back who appeared to be playing the waiting game along with most other high picks. The first to sign from among the draftees was the club's ninth choice, Glenn Ford, a running back out of Lenoir-Rhyne.

Miller will give Joe Gilliam, the one-time Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback who ran afoul of drugs, a chance to make a comeback. Gilliam was signed in mid-January and takes his place among four quarterbacks with at least minimal experience in the camps of NFL teams. These are Fred Mortensen, who spent a few summers in NFL training camps, Jim Kildahl, who was in the Chiefs' camp last summer, and Jeff Knappe, who appeared in two games with the 1980 Broncos be-

fore going to Calgary in '81. Entering the picture late was Ken Johnson, last seen in the CFL.

Miller, who guided Denver to a 42-25 record in four years and won two AFC Western Division titles, has the fans excited. They still remember his 1977 season when the Broncos went to Super Bowl XII and posted a 12-2 regular-season record that tied Dallas as best in the NFL.

As a result of his mini-camps, in which his six assistants helped weed out the pretenders, Miller saw enough talent to make him enthusiastic about the season.

Leading running backs appear to be Bo Matthews, the former Colorado star who played six years for the San Diego Chargers and two for the New York Giants; Larry Canada, a four-year Bronco and special teams star in 1981, and Jim Hargrove, who played with the Cincinnati Bengals in the 1982 Super Bowl. Another, Chris Hobbs, was in the Broncos' 1982 training camp.

John Barefield, who played three years with the St. Louis Cardinals and distinguished himself in 1978 as a wedge-busting special teams tackler, appears to be

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## USFL PACIFIC

No. 1 among linebackers in early workouts. David Dumars, who played in Montreal between two trials with the Jets, is a defensive back and safety. Billy Roe, who's played with the Cowboys, is big in the linebacker picture, too.

The offensive line needs are considerable, and to that end, Miller hopes that he will be able to sign some skilled people out of his draft, in which interior linemen were in the minority. A key veteran signing was Glenn Hyde, who played six years with the Denver Broncos. Matt Braswell, who was on the Broncos' injured reserve list in 1981, can play both center and guard, and Harold Norfleet, a 280-pounder who has been with Toronto and had a shot with the Kansas City Chiefs, is getting some attention.

The latest coach to join Miller's staff was Ellis Rainsberger, who spent the last five years as offensive coordinator with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. His last head coaching job was at his alma mater, Kansas State, where he coached from 1975 to 1977. He will be coach of the offensive backs.

**ARIZONA WRANGLERS**—Five months after club Owner Jim Joseph announced he would relocate his USFL franchise (from Los Angeles) in Phoenix—and on the very day his cheerleading squad was named, the Arizona Wranglers finally introduced a head coach.

The date was January 10, less than a week after the Wranglers had taken part in the league's inaugural draft and less than a month before the first scheduled day of practice.

The anointed leader was Doug Shively, a Kentuckian of fine football breeding whose father, the late Bernie Shively, was an All-America at Illinois as the "pulling guard" for the legendary Red Grange and served three decades as University of Kentucky athletic director.

But the 44-year-old Shively, dedicated strictly to the defense in nine years as an NFL assistant, had two experienced football people running interference for him during the Wranglers' search for a head coach. They are Bill Baker, the personnel director, and Harry Hulmes, chief operating officer who came aboard late himself and since December had steered the Wranglers in search for a head coach.

While Joseph and his minority partner, Brad Liebman, negotiated in vain with such college coaches as Illinois' Mike White, San Jose State's Jack Elway, UCLA's Terry Donahue, and Brigham Young's LaVell Edwards, Baker and interim G.M. Harold Guiver engaged in a roster process best described, perhaps, as "selective."

Although some clubs reportedly had as many as 200 players under make-good contracts, the Wranglers had only 68 when Shively came aboard. And they celebrated his arrival by signing Calvin Murray, Ohio State's No. 2 career ground-gainer, to a two-year-plus-option pact. Baker described Murray, who was Wilbert Montgomery's backup with the Philadelphia



**Invader Raymond Chester . . . Old hand at tight end.**

Eagles for a time, as "the best we've signed so far."

Others with NFL experience included quarterbacks Dan Manucci (who had the early edge), Ken Sweitzer and Todd Krueger.

There were others, too—linebacker Ben Apuna, offensive lineman Mike Wellman and safety Aaron Mitchell among the most prominent—but several Wranglers prospects had histories of physical infirmities.

The Wranglers made handsome financial offers to their No. 1 draft choice, SMU running back Eric Dickerson, and to Tony Eason, the record-setting passer whose territorial rights (from Illinois) they obtained in a trade with Chicago. Chances of signing either appeared slim.

It seemed more realistic that the Wranglers would sign such later selections as wide receiver Gary Williams, the former Ohio State teammate of Murray; offensive linemen Sid Abramowitz of Tulsa and Rob Fada of Pitt; center Paul Coty of Washington, and defensive backs Blanchard Montgomery of UCLA and Steve Brown of Oregon. They also were hard after Mike Black, Arizona State punter.

Conceding that the Wranglers got a late start, Shively nonetheless was optimistic and said, "It may take us some time to get our feet moving, but we'll catch up with those other people."

After serving six years on Leeman Bennett's Atlanta Falcons staff, Shively noted that handling linebackers had given him valuable insight on the offense. "I've been waiting a long time to run some of those plays I've been trying to stop."

He said that his philosophy of moving the ball likely would be patterned after the Bill Walsh style at San Francisco. Although a good passing attack intrigues him, he insisted, "I still believe you have to run the football in order to win. We'll be a mixture."

Indications are that Joseph and partner Liebman, both of San Mateo, Calif., will let the Hulmes-Baker-Shively triumvirate run the football show while giving them carte blanche to sign premier players. First solid evidence of a hands-off policy from upstairs showed up in the selection of Shively, Joseph yielding to Hulmes' view that the job was better suited to a proven pro aide than to a "name" coach from college

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**LOS ANGELES EXPRESS**—Pedigrees run high with the Los Angeles Express. Owners Bill Daniels and Alan Harmon are two of the biggest names in cable television. Their top front office people, Curly Morrison and Tom Fears, are steeped in NFL tradition. They have the wit and wisdom of Duffy Daugherty, a scout.

And their coach, Hugh Campbell, has all but forgotten what it is to lose.

With such a wealth of leadership and the club's apparent dedication to signing the best players money can buy, the Express has been stamped by many as the winter-book favorite to win the USFL's Pacific Division title.

Club President Harmon, 49, who owns a cable TV brokerage and consulting firm in Englewood, Colo., put it bluntly recently. "We think we hired the best coach in football," he said.

And he may be right. There certainly hasn't been a more successful coach in North America over the last six years. Campbell's Edmonton Eskimos won 81 games, lost 22, and tied five during his tenure. And when he started winning Grey Cups, he didn't stop. Edmonton won the last five in succession, climaxing this year's Herculean turnabout (from last place with 11 wins in a row) by beating Toronto, 32-16, in the Grey Cup final, equivalent to the NFL's Super Bowl.

All that behind, Campbell said, "There'll be a lot of hurdles to overcome, but I believe the USFL has the finances and leadership to succeed. What could be more exciting than assembling a team from scratch? We have a tremendous front office package here."

Like more than one USFL club, the Express has absentee ownership. Daniels, 61, is chairman of the largest investment banking firm in the country devoted to cable television. He lives in Denver, once owned the Utah Stars basketball team, ran for governor in Colorado in '74, and once had a boxing stable headed by Ron Lyle.

Six All-Americans, including USC's George Achica, Bruce Matthews and Don Mosebar, were tabbed in Express territorial selections. The club's sights were set high, and USC seniors made up 14 of the 26 Express claims—Riki Gray and Joey Browner among them.

But the Express' hopes to strike it rich in the inevitable talent war with NFL moved the club to draft Dan Marino, Pitt's standout quarterback, in the first round. However, they seemed closer to signing UCLA's Tom Ramsey.

Drafting a star is not tantamount to signing him, however. But the Express planned to make concerted efforts to sign either Marino or Ramsey.

The Express seemed to be hording the supply of one-time star running backs. Most notable were Chuck Foreman, the former Minnesota Vikings star, and Anthony Davis, who had varying success in the World Football League and Canadian League. In fact, with experience also in



Cedrick Hardman . . . Oakland player-coach.

## Pacific Division Schedules

Sunday games unless otherwise noted. All times local.

### ARIZONA WRANGLERS

Mar. 6—OAKLAND.....	1:00
Mar. 12—CHICAGO (Sat.).....	7:00
Mar. 19—LOS ANGELES (Sat.).....	7:30
Mar. 26—at Birmingham (Sat.).....	7:00
April 3—NEW JERSEY.....	6:00
April 11—at Washington (Mon.).....	9:00
April 17—BOSTON.....	6:00
April 23—DENVER (Sat.).....	7:30
May 2—at Oakland (Mon.).....	6:00
May 7—MICHIGAN (Sat.).....	7:00
May 15—at Tampa Bay.....	1:30
May 22—PHILADELPHIA.....	6:00
May 30—at Chicago (Mon.).....	8:00
June 5—at Los Angeles.....	1:00
June 11—WASHINGTON (Sat.).....	7:30
June 17—at Denver (Fri.).....	7:00
June 25—at New Jersey (Sat.).....	9:00
July 3—at Michigan.....	1:30

### DENVER GOLD

Mar. 6—PHILADELPHIA.....	1:00
Mar. 13—BOSTON.....	1:00
Mar. 20—at Chicago.....	12:30
Mar. 28—OAKLAND (Mon.).....	7:00
April 4—at Michigan (Mon.).....	8:00
April 9—TAMPA BAY (Sat.).....	6:00
April 17—at Birmingham.....	12:30
April 23—at Arizona (Sat.).....	7:30
May 1—NEW JERSEY.....	1:00
May 8—at Philadelphia.....	1:30
May 15—at Boston.....	1:30
May 22—LOS ANGELES.....	1:00
May 27—BIRMINGHAM (Fri.).....	7:00
June 5—WASHINGTON.....	1:00
June 13—at Oakland (Mon.).....	6:00
June 17—ARIZONA (Fri.).....	7:00
June 27—at Tampa Bay (Mon.).....	9:00
July 3—at Los Angeles.....	1:00

### LOS ANGELES EXPRESS

Mar. 6—NEW JERSEY.....	1:00
Mar. 14—WASHINGTON (Mon.).....	6:00
Mar. 19—at Arizona (Sat.).....	7:30
Mar. 27—at Chicago.....	12:30
April 3—OAKLAND.....	1:00
April 10—PHILADELPHIA.....	1:00
April 18—at Tampa Bay (Mon.).....	9:00
April 23—at Michigan (Sat.).....	8:00
May 1—CHICAGO.....	1:00
May 7—BOSTON (Sat.).....	4:00
May 14—at Birmingham (Sat.).....	7:00
May 22—at Denver.....	1:00
May 29—at Oakland.....	1:00
June 5—ARIZONA.....	1:00
June 12—MICHIGAN.....	1:00
June 17—at New Jersey (Fri.).....	9:00
June 26—at Washington.....	1:30
July 3—DENVER.....	1:00

### OAKLAND INVADERS

Mar. 6—at Arizona.....	1:00
Mar. 13—BIRMINGHAM.....	1:00
Mar. 19—at Michigan (Sat.).....	8:00
Mar. 28—at Denver (Mon.).....	7:00
April 3—at Los Angeles.....	1:00
April 10—at Boston.....	1:30
April 16—PHILADELPHIA (Sat.).....	2:00
April 24—at Birmingham.....	12:30
May 2—ARIZONA (Mon.).....	6:00
May 8—TAMPA BAY.....	1:00
May 16—WASHINGTON (Mon.).....	8:00
May 21—at Tampa Bay (Sat.).....	8:00
May 29—LOS ANGELES.....	1:00
June 4—NEW JERSEY (Sat.).....	5:00
June 13—DENVER (Mon.).....	6:00
June 20—at Philadelphia (Mon.).....	9:00
June 25—BOSTON (Sat.).....	2:00
July 3—at Chicago.....	12:30



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the NFL, Davis was striving to be a four-league player.

Other players with pro experience included quarterback Mike Rae, wide receiver Kris Haines, fullback Don Harde-man, defensive tackle Phil Murphy and one of Campbell's own at Edmonton—of-fensive guard Herman Parker from Long Beach State.

No fewer than 17 of the Express' early nucleus spent all or part of the 1982 season on a professional roster, 15 in the NFL.

In the second, third, and fourth rounds of the draft, the club's braintrust (Morrison, Fears, and Campbell) zeroed in on the defense, tabbing Washington stars Mark Stewart at linebacker and Ray Horton at cornerback, then adding Iowa's monstrous Mark Bortz as a defensive tackle.

"We're not looking to sign 100 percent of our group," observed Campbell, "but we're sure expecting to get a good portion of it."

**OAKLAND INVADERS**—John Ralston appears to be pretty much the man in charge of this team. The USFL's first full-time employee when Dave Dixon founded the league in 1981, Ralston is both coach and general manager of the Invaders.

Oakland has not been involved in volume player-signings. Before they started concentrating on their territorial people and draft choices the Invaders had only 65 players under contract. Among them were a sprinkling of NFL veterans, including one with the unique title of player-coach.

The latter is Cedrick Hardman, a defensive end for 10 years with the San Francisco 49ers and two years with the Oakland Raiders. Another starting to bridge the gap from player to management is Raymond Chester, also a 12-year NFL veteran who played with the Raiders and Baltimore Colts and caught 364 passes as a tight end. Chester won't be coaching, but he's resigning himself for a front office position.

Delvin Williams, a running back with seven pro seasons behind him and twice a 1,000-yard rusher, is under contract. Leo Biedermann, who played briefly for the Cleveland Browns, figures high in the running at offensive tackle, and Wyatt Henderson, a cornerback for San Diego in 1981, will get a trial at wide receiver.

Noticeably absent among Invaders signees is an experienced quarterback, a situation that would find an overnight panacea if they were miraculously able to sign John Elway, the All-America from Stanford. But he is determined to finish college this spring, while the USFL plays its schedule. Besides, Elway has NFL and baseball options.

With the inside track at quarterback as camp progressed was hometown hero Fred Besana, who prepped at Roseville and then went to California. He was with Buffalo for a short time. Competition came from Steve Grant of Washington

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State, who did time in the Canadian League.

Among the territorials, San Jose State's Steve Clarkson was a quarterback candidate. Ken O'Brien, the Invaders' sixth-round draft pick, was a 54.6 percent passer during his four years at California-Davis.

Oakland went for All-America line-backer Billy Ray Smith of Arkansas as its No. 1 draft choice. Chances of signing Smith ahead of the NFL draft appeared to be remote.

Wide receiver Glen Young of Mississippi State was the Invaders' No. 2 choice, tackle David Lutz of Georgia Tech No. 3, safety Vince Newsome of Washington No. 4, and defensive tackle Jerome Foster of Ohio State No. 5.

Tad Taube, who deals in diversified real estate investment, lost the flip of a coin with Jim Joseph to see which would get the Los Angeles franchise—later moved by Joseph to Phoenix. Taube feels he really won because inwardly he was hoping to remain in the Bay Area.

Ralston coached the Denver Broncos for five seasons starting in 1972 and was named AFC coach of the year in '73 after a 7-5-2 season. He later was affiliated with the Eagles and 49ers. Renowned as a motivational speaker, Ralston now may face his biggest challenge—that of trying to match his earlier success in the NFL by shaping another club in its infancy.

## 1983 USFL SCHEDULE

(All Times LOCAL)

### WEEK ONE

Sunday, March 6

1. Boston at Tampa Bay..... 1:30
2. Chicago at Washington (ABC)\*..... 1:30
3. New Jersey at Los Angeles..... 1:00
4. Oakland at Arizona..... 1:00
5. Philadelphia at Denver..... 1:00

Monday, March 7

6. Michigan at Birmingham (ESPN)..... 8:00
- \*ABC will announce its telecast on a week-to-week basis.

### WEEK TWO

Saturday, March 12

7. Chicago at Arizona (ESPN)..... 7:00
8. Michigan at Tampa Bay..... 8:00

Sunday, March 13

9. Birmingham at Oakland..... 1:00
10. Boston at Denver..... 1:00
11. New Jersey at Philadelphia..... 1:30

Monday, March 14

12. Washington at Los Angeles (ESPN)..... 6:00

### WEEK THREE

Saturday, March 19

13. Los Angeles at Arizona..... 7:30
14. Oakland at Michigan (ESPN)..... 8:00

Sunday, March 20

15. Denver at Chicago..... 12:30
16. Tampa Bay at New Jersey..... 1:30
17. Washington at Boston..... 1:30

Monday, March 21

18. Philadelphia at Birmingham (ESPN)..... 8:00

### WEEK FOUR

Saturday, March 26

19. Arizona at Birmingham (ESPN)..... 7:00

Sunday, March 27

20. Boston at New Jersey..... 1:30
21. Los Angeles at Chicago..... 12:30
22. Michigan at Washington..... 1:30
23. Tampa Bay at Philadelphia..... 1:30

Monday, March 28

24. Oakland at Denver (ESPN)..... 7:00

### WEEK FIVE

Saturday, April 2

25. Chicago at Tampa Bay (ESPN)..... 8:00

Sunday, April 3

26. Birmingham at Boston..... 1:30
27. New Jersey at Arizona..... 6:00
28. Oakland at Los Angeles..... 1:00
29. Washington at Philadelphia..... 1:30

Monday, April 4

30. Denver at Michigan..... 8:00

### WEEK SIX

Saturday, April 9

31. Tampa Bay at Denver (ESPN)..... 6:00

Sunday, April 10

32. Birmingham at Chicago..... 12:30
33. Michigan at New Jersey..... 1:30
34. Oakland at Boston..... 1:30
35. Philadelphia at Los Angeles..... 1:00

Monday, April 11

36. Arizona at Washington (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK SEVEN

Saturday, April 16

37. Philadelphia at Oakland (ESPN)..... 2:00

Sunday, April 17

38. Boston at Arizona..... 6:00
39. Chicago at Michigan..... 1:30
40. Denver at Birmingham..... 12:30
41. Washington at New Jersey..... 1:30



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Monday, April 18  
42. Los Angeles at Tampa Bay (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK EIGHT

Saturday, April 23

43. Denver at Arizona..... 7:30  
44. Los Angeles at Michigan (ESPN)..... 8:00

Sunday, April 24

45. Boston at Philadelphia..... 1:30  
46. Oakland at Birmingham..... 12:30  
47. Tampa Bay at Washington..... 1:30

Monday, April 25

48. New Jersey at Chicago (ESPN)..... 8:00

### WEEK NINE

Saturday, April 30

49. Philadelphia at Tampa Bay (ESPN)..... 8:00

Sunday, May 1

50. Birmingham at Washington..... 1:30  
51. Chicago at Los Angeles..... 1:00  
52. Michigan at Boston..... 1:30  
53. New Jersey at Denver..... 1:00

Monday, May 2

54. Arizona at Oakland (ESPN)..... 6:00

### WEEK TEN

Saturday, May 7

55. Boston at Los Angeles (ESPN)..... 4:00  
56. Michigan at Arizona (ESPN)..... 7:00

Sunday, May 8

57. Denver at Philadelphia..... 1:30  
58. Tampa Bay at Oakland..... 1:00  
59. Washington at Chicago..... 12:30

Monday, May 9

60. Birmingham at New Jersey (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK ELEVEN

Saturday, May 14

61. Los Angeles at Birmingham (ESPN)..... 7:00

Sunday, May 15

62. Arizona at Tampa Bay..... 1:30  
63. Chicago at Philadelphia..... 1:30  
64. Denver at Boston..... 1:30

Monday, May 16

65. New Jersey at Michigan (ESPN)..... 8:00  
66. Washington at Oakland..... 8:00

### WEEK TWELVE

Saturday, May 21

67. Oakland at Tampa Bay (ESPN)..... 8:00

Sunday, May 22

68. Boston at Washington..... 1:30  
69. Chicago at New Jersey..... 1:30  
70. Los Angeles at Denver..... 1:00  
71. Philadelphia at Arizona..... 6:00

Monday, May 23

72. Birmingham at Michigan (ESPN)..... 8:00

### WEEK THIRTEEN

Friday, May 27

73. Birmingham at Denver (ESPN)..... 7:00

Sunday, May 29

74. Los Angeles at Oakland..... 1:00  
75. New Jersey at Washington..... 1:30  
76. Philadelphia at Boston..... 1:30

Monday, May 30

77. Arizona at Chicago (ESPN)..... 8:00  
78. Tampa Bay at Michigan (ESPN)..... 6:00

### WEEK FOURTEEN

Saturday, June 4

79. New Jersey at Oakland (ESPN)..... 5:00

Sunday, June 5

80. Arizona at Los Angeles..... 1:00  
81. Birmingham at Tampa Bay..... 1:30  
82. Michigan at Philadelphia..... 1:30  
83. Washington at Denver..... 1:00

Monday, June 6

84. Chicago at Boston (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK FIFTEEN

Saturday, June 11

85. Washington at Arizona..... 7:30

Sunday, June 12

86. Boston at Birmingham..... 12:30  
87. Michigan at Los Angeles..... 1:00  
88. Philadelphia at New Jersey..... 1:30  
89. Tampa Bay at Chicago..... 12:30

Monday, June 13

90. Denver at Oakland (ESPN)..... 6:00

### WEEK SIXTEEN

Friday, June 17

91. Arizona at Denver..... 7:00  
92. Chicago at Birmingham..... 8:00  
93. Los Angeles at New Jersey..... 9:00

Sunday, June 19

94. Tampa Bay at Boston..... 1:30

Monday, June 20

95. Oakland at Philadelphia..... 9:00  
96. Washington at Michigan (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK SEVENTEEN

Saturday, June 25

97. Arizona at New Jersey (ESPN)..... 9:00  
98. Boston at Oakland (ESPN)..... 2:00

Sunday, June 26

99. Birmingham at Philadelphia..... 1:30  
100. Los Angeles at Washington..... 1:30  
101. Michigan at Chicago..... 12:30

Monday, June 27

102. Denver at Tampa Bay (ESPN)..... 9:00

### WEEK EIGHTEEN

Saturday, July 2

103. Tampa Bay at Birmingham (ESPN)..... 7:00

Sunday, July 3

104. Arizona at Michigan..... 1:30  
105. Denver at Los Angeles..... 1:00  
106. New Jersey at Boston..... 1:30  
107. Oakland at Chicago..... 12:30  
108. Philadelphia at Washington..... 1:30

Saturday, July 9

USFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF (ABC)  
(site to be determined)

Sunday, July 10

USFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF (ABC)  
(site to be determined)

Sunday, July 17

USFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (ABC)  
(site to be determined)

## USFL Dates to Remember

**January 31**—Training camps open.

**February 7**—Roster cutdown to 70 players.

**February 20**—Roster cutdown to 58 players.

**February 27**—Roster cutdown to 45 players.

**March 5**—Selection of 10-man developmental squad (players can move from the developmental squad to the active roster at any

time during the season).

**March 6**—First regular-season games.

**March 29**—Waiver-claiming priority determined by clubs' won-lost percentages.

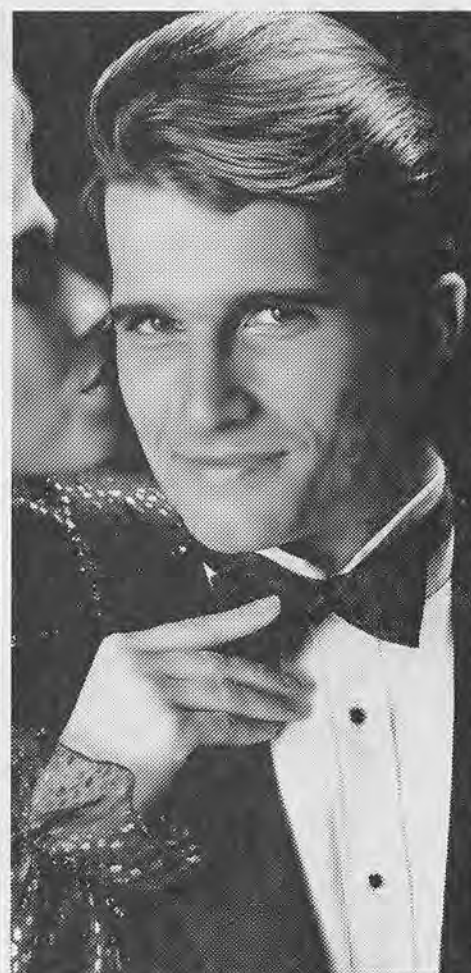
**May 4**—Trading deadline; all trading ends.

**July 6**—Rosters established for postseason games.

**July 9-10**—Divisional playoff games (sites to be determined).

**July 17**—USFL Championship Game (site to be determined).

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Bingrader, Wayne	WR	Wake Forest	McCormick, Glenn	C	Arizona
Biale, Stephen	G	Lafayette	McIntyre, Jeff	LB	Arizona St.
Bledsoe, Curtis	RB	San Diego St.	McKale, Bill	TE	Hawaii
Blue, Bob	FB	SW Okla. St.	Mitchell, Aaron	DB	UNLV
Blue, Harold	RB	East Carolina	Mohl, Curt	OT	UCLA
Carhee, Artis	CB	UNLV	Mueske, Daryl	G	Arizona St.
Carter, Bob	WR	Arizona	Mullaney, Ryan	DE	UNLV
Carter, Mike	RB	New Mexico	Murray, Calvin	RB	Ohio St.
Callage, Ray	DE	Washington	Neely, Tony	DB	Arizona
Clark, Calvin	DE	Purdue	Nelson, Bob	DT	Miami (Fla.)
Clark, Darryl	RB	Texas	Norris, Sam	DB	East Carolina
Coffman, Ricky	WR	UCLA	Otey, Dave	C	UCLA
Cook, Chuck	DB	So. Mississippi	Perkins, Glenn	LB	Arizona
Crews, Ron	DE	UNLV	Peters, Joel	DT	Arizona St.
Denfeld, Phil	TE	Wake Forest	Prince, Chris	OL	Purdue
Diamond, Mark	PK	No. Arizona	Puha, Dennis	DT	Nev.-Reno
Diouly, Duane	TE	Boise St.	Purifoy, Bill	DE	Tulsa
Falcon, Terry	G	Montana	Redd, Verlon	DB	Hawaii
Gordon, Isaac	OL	UCLA	Risher, Alan	QB	Louisiana St.
Greene, Sam	WR	UNLV	Rivira, Jimmy	LB	Texas A&I
Hall, Darryl	DB	San Diego St.	Ryckman, Billy	WR	Louisiana Tech
Howell, Steve	FB	Baylor	Sowers, Ron	G	Arizona St.
Jackson, Cleveland	TE	UNLV	Spadafore, Tom	P	Boise St.
Jones, Lyndell	DB	Hawaii	Sroka, Roberto	PK	Arizona St.
Jostes, Randy	DT	Missouri	Stablein, Jerry	OT	San Diego St.
Kahn, Jef	P	Fullerton St.	Stallworth, Rollins	DB	Nev.-Reno
Kalil, Frank	G	Arizona	Strandberg, Al	DB	Moorehead
Kimmel, John	LB	Colgate	Stroth, Vince	OT	Brigham Young
Krueger, Todd	QB	No. Michigan	Sweitzer, Ken	QB	Connecticut
Larry, Adm. Dewey	OT	UNLV	Walker, Eddie Ray	DB	So. Mississippi
Loia, Tony	OT	Arizona St.	Wellman, Mike	C	Kansas
Looney, Jim	LB	Purdue	Williams, Reginald	LB	UNLV
MacGee, Keith	WR	New Mexico	Wilson, Lee	CB	Compton CC
Manucci, Dan	QB	Kansas			



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Armbrust, Ken	OT	Arkansas St.	Jones, Wayne	C	Utah
Atiyeh, George	NT	Louisiana St.	Jordinelli, Kris	WR	Mesa
Ballage, Howard	WR	Colorado	Karraker, Rusty	P	Fresno St.
Barfield, John	LB	Texas A&I	Kirchner, Bruce	C	Colorado
Betz, David	PK	Louisville	Knapple, Jeff	QB	No. Colorado
Blount, Tony	S	Virginia	Knapton, Robert	LB	No. Colorado
Brady, Steve	DB	Brigham Young	Lewis, Will	RB	Millersville St.
Braswell, Matt	G	Georgia	Lindsay, Tony	RB	Utah
Canada, Larry	RB	Wisconsin	Martin, David	CB	Villanova
Cancik, Phil	LB	No. Arizona	Matthews, Bo	RB	Colorado
Choate, Putt	LB	So. Methodist	Miller, Nathaniel	CB	Cameron
Clark, Danny	WR	West Texas St.	Mortensen, Fred	QB	Arizona St.
Coleman, Gary	S	Kansas	Newton, Kelvin	LB	Texas Christian
Derosé, Mark	LB	So. Colorado	Niziolek, Bob	TE	Colorado
Dumars, David	S	NW Louisiana	Norfleet, Harold	OT	Prairie View
Eliasara, Matt	NT	Washington St.	Partridge, Rick	P	Utah
Feasel, Greg	OT	Abil. Christian	Perkins, Horace	CB	Colorado
Ford, Glenn	RB	Lenoir-Rhyne	Phea, Lonel	WR	Houston
Fowler, Reggie	LB	Wyoming	Phillips, Mike	TE	William Jewell
Gerken, Greg	LB	No. Arizona	Poremba, Andy	DE	Colorado St.
Gilliam, Joe	QB	Tennessee St.	Roe, Bill	LB	Colorado
Goosby, Darryl	TE	Cincinnati	Rogers, Stan	OT	Brigham Young
Gortz, Steve	P	UNLV	Ruben, Kevin	DE	Houston
Hargrove, Jim	RB	Wake Forest	Sheasley, Kevin	LB	Colorado St.
Harr, Ricky	S	Colorado St.	Short, Laval	NT	Tulane
Hausauer, Ron	OT	Jamestown	Silipo, Joe	G	Tulane
Hobbs, Chris	RB	Miami (Fla.)	Singleton, John	DE	Tex.-El Paso
Hoppock, Doug	OT	Kansas St.	Smilo, David	S	Eastern Mich.
Hyde, Glenn	C	Pittsburgh	Stamper, Scott	RB	Ft. Lewis
James, Victor	WR	Colorado	Sydney, Harry	RB	Kansas
Jewell, John	G	Kent St.	Turner, Calvin	DE	West Virginia
Johnson, Dickie	CB	So. Colorado	Walden, Rod	DE	Indiana
Johnson, Ken	QB	Colorado	Wells, Ron	LB	Ft. Lewis
Johnson, Robert	CB	Colorado	White, Larry	DE	Jackson St.
Jones, Tim	WR	Kansas	Whittingham, Kyle	LB	Brigham Young



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Abbott, Vincent	K	Fullerton St.	Jensen, Russ	QB	Cal Lutheran
Alapa, Clifton	DE	Arizona St.	Johnson, Denver	OT	Tulsa
Allen, Carl	C	Long Beach St.	Johnson, Mike	DE	Idaho St.
Apulia, Lotopue	LB	Brigham Young	Johnson, Steve	G	Fresno St.
Baker, Herbert	QB	S.F. Austin	Jordan, Frank	K	USC
Barnett, Johnny	RB	Oregon Tech	Justin, Tyrone	CB	Fullerton St.
Boddie, Tony	RB	Montana St.	Leideimyer, Louis	WR	Long Beach St.
Brown, Norman	WR	Fullerton St.	Lins, Tim	TE	Cal Lutheran
Byers, Scott	CB	Long Beach St.	Logan, Rick	LB	Pierce JC
Coppens, Gus	OT	UCLA	Lute, Dan	LB	NC State
Cornelius, Patrick	C	Utah State	Mitchell, Mack	DE	Houston
Crouddip, Dave	DB	San Diego St.	Mullins, Billy	WR	Southern Cal
Davis, Anthony	RB	Southern Cal	Murphy, Phil	DE	So. Caro. St.
Davis, Tim	OT	Utah	Myles, Teddy	WR	CP-Pomona
Dimler, Rich	DT	Southern Cal	Parker, Herman	G	Long Beach St.
Durrette, Mike	G	West Virginia	Partridge, Jeff	P	Washington
Edwards, Dennis	DE	Southern Cal	Philaw, Charles	DL	Tex. Southern
Ellis, Ricky	TE	Fullerton St.	Pitcock, Charles	OG	Tulane
Faafafua, Wayne	OT	Brigham Young	Pryor, David	P	Southern Cal
Fields, Greg	DE	Grambling	Rae, Mike	QB	Southern Cal
Fields, Mike	G	Jackson St.	Rakhshani, Vic	TE	Southern Cal
Filiaga, Puluisa	NG	Brigham Young	Rich, Dan	LB	Weber St.
Foreman, Chuck	RB	Miami (Fla.)	Scoggins, Eric	LB	USC
Fox, Mike	S	San Diego St.	Seawell, Ron	LB	Portland St.
Frane, Jerome	LB	San Diego St.	Sherrrod, Mike	TE	Illinois
Galloway, Duane	CB	Arizona A&I	Sorensen, Paul	S	Washington St.
Haines, Kris	WR	Notre Dame	Tucker, Jimmy	WR	UNLV
Hardeman, Don	FB	Texas A&I	Turner, Lonnie	RB	CP-Pomona
Harrington, LaRue	RB	Norfolk St.	Walker, Glen	P	Southern Cal
Harris, Mike	WR	Purdue	Walker, Jimmy	DE	Arkansas
Haslip, Wilbert	RB	Hawaii	Weaver, Eddie	NG	Georgia
Hayes, Vister	WR	Valley St.	Weber, Rodney	S	Fullerton St.
Henderson, Wymon	CB	UNLV	White, Alvin	QB	Oregon St.
Hosea, Bobby	CB	UCLA	Williams, Greg	LB	Washington
Howard, Ron	TE	Seattle	Williams, Kevin	WR	Southern Cal

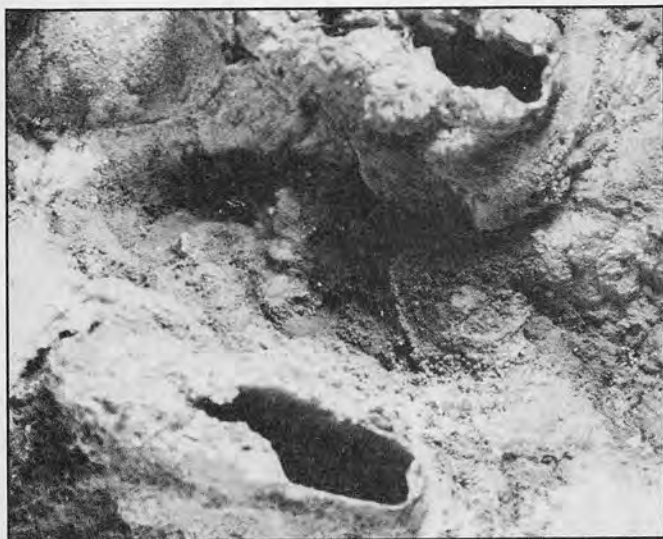


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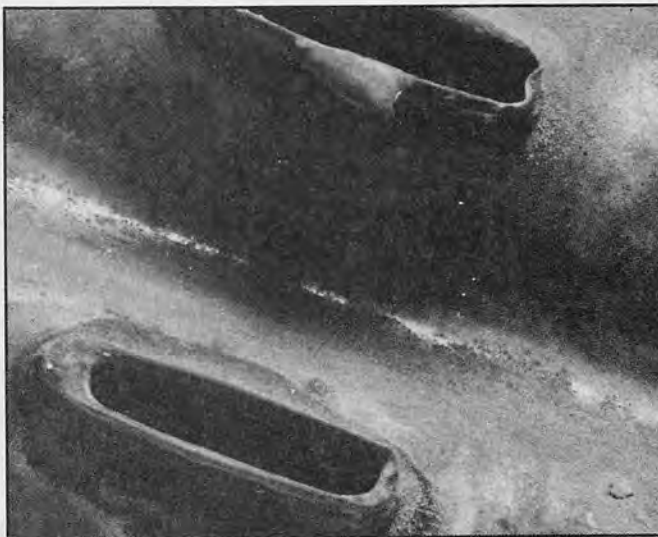
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Anderson, Gary	C	Stanford	Jonker, Kurt	OT	Augustana
Archie, Reggie	DB	Portland St.	Kampa, Bob	DT	California
Banks, Gordon	WR	Stanford	Levasa, Roger	C	Oregon St.
Bean, Bubba	RB	Texas A&M	Lewis, Marc	WR	No. Western
Bearden, Jerome	S	San Jose St.	Liles, Alva	DE	Boise St.
Beekeley, Bruce	LB	Oregon	Maher, Tom	TE	Cal. St.-L.A.
Bennett, Monte	DT	Kansas St.	Mallett, Ronnie	WR	Cent. Arkansas
Berry, Ray	CB	Tex. Christian	Manumaleuga, F.	LB	San Jose St.
Besana, Fred	QB	California	Markham, Dale	OT	North Dakota
Biedermann, Leo	OT	California	Marshall, Dupre	DT	California
Brady, Don	RB	St. Mary's	Martin, Derrick	CB	San Jose St.
Buggs, Michael	WR	California	McClain, Dewey	LB	E. Cent. Okla.
Cerrato, Vinny	WR	Iowa St.	Moore, Dean	LB	Iowa St.
Chester, Raymond	TE	Morgan St.	Myatt, Bill	QB	Hayward St.
Childress, Harvey	LB	So. Oregon St.	O'Brien, Mike	S	California
Daniel, Kenny	DB	San Jose St.	Overly, Bobby	LB	San Jose St.
Darby, Eric	RB	Tennessee St.	Plummer, Gary	LB	California
Donalley, Kevin	CB	No. Dakota St.	Quinn, Marcus	CB	Louisiana St.
Duncan, Frank	S	San Fran. St.	Randall, Vince	OT	Portland St.
Frazier, Frank	OL	Miami (Fla.)	Ruyle, Clay	DE	S.F. Austin
Gilmore, Rod	DB	Stanford	Sevy, Jeff	G	California
Graffis, Kevin	OT	Wash. St.	Shaw, David	LB	California
Grant, Steve	QB	Wash. St.	Shea, Kevin	K	St. Mary's
Greene, Lonnie	DT	Mississippi St.	Simantel, Dave	WR	Portland St.
Grossart, Kyle	QB	Oregon St.	Talley, Stan	P	Tex. Christian
Hardman, Cedrick	DE	No. Texas St.	Tanner, Daryl	DE	Portland CC
Harper, Jeff	OT	Georgia	Tororian, Ted	FB	Fresno St.
Harris, John Lee	DE	Miss. Valley St.	Tucker, Charles	G	Austin Peay
Hawkins, Clarence	RB	Florida A&M	Wells, Joe	LB	So. Utah St.
Henderson, Wyatt	CB	Fresno St.	Whitten, Bobby	G	Kansas
Hines, Andre	OT	Stanford	Wilkinson, Jerry	DE	Oregon St.
Hooks, Delmo	LB	Fresno St.	Williams, Delvin	RB	Kansas
Houston, Steve	OT	Fresno St.	Yancy, Billy	CB	Fresno St.
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## Mitchell, Bacon, Hardman, Chester Emerge Again

By DAVE NEWHOUSE

OAKLAND—Where have Coy Bacon, Lydell Mitchell, Raymond Chester and Cedrick Hardman gone? Why, to the USFL, of course.

The United States Football League has become a retirement home for former national football stars.

There are Bacon, 39, and Mike Bragg, 36, with the Washington Federals. Greg Landry, 36, will play for the Chicago Blitz. Mike Livingston, 37, and John Walton, 36, have joined the Boston Breakers.

Tom Banks, 34, is a Birmingham Stallion. Chester and Hardman, both are members of the Oakland Invaders. Mitchell, 33, is a Philadelphia Star and John Reaves, 33, a Tampa Bay Bandit. Chuck Foreman is with the L.A. Express.

Did we miss anyone? Was Jubilee Dunbar signed? What about Charlie (The Human Bowling Ball) Tolar or Elbert (Golden Wheels) Dubenion? Anyone seen Booth Lusteg?

The idea of football in the spring is so appealing that a number of ex-NFLers in the winter of their athletic years have joined the USFL. Livingston and Walton haven't played football since 1979, but will battle it out for the quarterback job on the Breakers. Walton left a coaching job at Elizabeth City State to give it one last try.

The oldest USFL "Rookie" (they're all rookies in the new league) is Bacon. He lists his birthdate as August 30, 1943, though some of the league's other fossils don't buy it.

"Is Bacon playing again? He's got to be all of 40," said Chester, chuckling.

"Coy's probably closer to 45," Hardman figures.

Whatever his age, why does Bacon, cut by the Washington Redskins in '81, want to again punish his aging body?

"I want to continue playing football," he replied. "I couldn't get on with anyone else in the NFL. I'm not going to play but more than a couple of years anyway."

By that time, Bacon would be 41, 42 or 47, depending on who's counting.

"I'm still in good shape, about 270, five pounds over my playing weight," he continued. "I jog two, three miles a day, play basketball down at the high school."

What can he expect in the way of performance after 14 NFL seasons, followed by a year and a half of inactivity?

"I want to play like a pro," he said from his home in Ironton. "I want a good name. I'm not going to play like some guy who can't move."

Bacon played defensive end for the Los Angeles Rams, Cincinnati and Washington. When the Redskins dropped him, he was leading the team in sacks. Bacon claimed he was let go because of a personality conflict with line coach LaVern Torgeson.

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Coy Bacon . . . circa 1977.

said of the USFL. "I want to show the fans and NFL coaches that I wasn't finished playing ball. They're going to see an exciting player—sacking the quarterback, jumping up and down running around."

What has Bacon been doing all this time between two leagues?

"I haven't done anything," he said, "just waiting to see if I could get back into ball."

Chester and Hardman, who last played for the Raiders in 1981, renew their careers in the same town, Oakland. Chester will be the USFL's only tight end who's also assistant marketing director of the team. And Hardman will be defensive end and line coach.

"It's perfect," Chester said of his new opportunity. "It offers a future. It's a challenge."

Chester owns a real estate company in Oakland. And he has a long-term personal-service contract with the Invaders that will continue beyond his playing career.

A perfectly conditioned athlete, Chester believes the Raiders gave up on him for reasons that had nothing to do with his ability. "They just didn't want me to compete," he said.

Now he feels the spirit of a pioneer, beginning a new venture.

"I can imagine how people in the American Football League felt when they started out," he said. "It will be exciting. The big difference for me is that I'll be able to do all my hunting and fishing, which I couldn't do in the NFL."

Hardman the pass rusher is trying to perceive his added role as Hardman the defensive line coach.

"I feel fear, which is good," he said. "It's a new form of discipline, but something deep down I felt I could do. Now when I'm working out, I'm trying to conjure what

it's going to be like away from the field. But it will be OK. I've got the energy to do it."

How does Hardman the coach think Hardman the player will perform on the field?

"Being the coach," he said, "I'm going to play me long enough to find out."

"I'm concerned whether I can do the things I did when I was 19. Right at this moment, no. But I'm not that far away."

Regardless of how well Hardman plays, he feels it is only natural that he try.

"It's only American that you've got to do something that's stupid or borders on terror," he explained. "I don't sky-dive, climb mountains or go into the ocean. I made a pact with the sharks: I don't go into the ocean if they don't go on the freeway."

Banks joined the NFL in 1971, one year after Hardman and Chester, and became a Pro Bowl center for the St. Louis Cardinals. He's extremely candid, and it was his candor that drove him off the Cards three years ago.

After injuring a knee in '80, he was placed on injured reserve. After four weeks, he felt the knee was rehabilitated and asked to be activated. The Cards refused.

"I was one of the captains," he said. "I started letting the coaches know that I didn't like it. Coach (Jim) Hanifan told me I was being put on waivers because I was a bad influence."

With time to rest the knee, Banks said his legs "feel so much better. . . . They feel great. I just rode a bike 20 miles today."

"No, I don't feel like a rookie," he quickly added. "But I know what it takes to get ready to play again. There's no apprehension about that."

Banks is from Alabama. He went to school at Auburn, lives in Fairhope and now plays for Birmingham. After the NFL, he took a job selling medical supplies. When the USFL came along, he was ready to get out of sales.

"It was, 'I can't do that (football) anymore, so I better do something else,'" he explained. "I got up, put on a tie and went out into a world I knew nothing about."

"I missed the closeness of football, working with 50 people. If one person has problems, everyone has problems. I haven't seen anything to approach it."

Pro football once was an outdoors game. Then when the season was extended from November to January, domed stadiums were built to prevent the Terry Bradshaws and Earl Campbells from becoming ice statues.

The USFL has it all over the NFL as far as climate. "In the NFL, you start in July, 95-degree heat, and work into the cold," Banks said. "The USFL will start when it's mild, then work into the heat."

"The weather is a big thing. The heat in July is debilitating."





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